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## Numbers in for year 2000 at local animal shelter

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. board of directors, attorney Keith DuBois, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the *Crawford County Avalanche* have all been sent information concerning finances and animals cared for at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

According to former shelter director Dixie Lobsinger, 491 animals were received into the care of the shelter in the year 2000. The largest amount came from Grayling Township at 166, the lowest from Maple Forest Township -- 20. Strays totalling 439 made up the majority of animals at the shelter.

The dogs and cats came to the shelter in four different ways. Three cats came from outside of the county or "unknown sources" (some are just left in a box near the gates, as are some puppies and kittens). Eight cats/kittens were brought in by their owners and the public brought in 172.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department and Grayling City Police brought to the shelter a total of 39 dogs/puppies; the public brought in 227, owners brought in 35 and six dogs came from unknown sources or from outside of the county.

Of those 491 animals, 307 were dogs or puppies; 183 were cats or kittens. According to the report, 166 of these animals were adopted, 62 went to rescue groups, seven were

returned to their owners, four went to the Leader Dog program, 12 fell into the category of "died/escaped/stolen, etc." and 188 were euthanized -- 102 dogs and 86 cats.

Of the 183 felines who found their way to the shelter, 134 were under the age of six months. The amount of puppies arriving at the shelter was nearly equal to the amount of dogs over the age of six months.

Lobsinger reports her proceeds as follows: Drop Off - \$390; Holding - \$275; Adoptions - \$2,740; Spay/Neuter Deposits - \$4,400; Licenses - \$1,488.99; Donations - \$6,751.28 -- for a total of \$16,045.27 for calendar year 2000.

Included with the statistics was year end summary of shelter activities and information written by Lobsinger. In its entirety it reads:

"The Animal Shelter only had one fund raiser in 2000. There was no annual Walk-A-Thon or Yard Sale.

"There were 357 spay/neuter discount coupons given out.

"108 pets were spayed or neutered through Lewiston's Best Friends low cost program.

"Both of these worthwhile programs prevented the births of thousands of unwanted babies in 2000 and the deaths of tens of thousands of unwanted pets that these animals would have produced in future years.

"Nine years ago, the Animal Shelter was taking in 1,600 animals. The wonderful decrease we have

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## 'YOUR TOWN' News Program lets townsfolk boast about Grayling



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

As part of a public service campaign, TV 7&4 in Traverse City, held a town meeting breakfast last Wednesday morning at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Residents were invited to attend and share their pride and concerns about Grayling. About 80 townsfolk showed up and seemed happy to boast about the many fine points of their community which included senior services, technology in education, the historical museum, Hanson Hills and health services. Shown is news anchor Dave Walker leading the discussion that lasted about an hour. The "Your Town - Grayling" series is scheduled to air February 12-16 as special reports during newscasts at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. each evening.

## Snowmobile crash proves fatal for two

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two people have lost their lives after a weekend snowmobile crash on Houghton Lake's ice-covered surface.

Michigan State Police from the Houghton Lake Post are continuing their investigation into the crash that occurred on Saturday, January 27 at approximately 6 p.m.

According to the State Police, 40-year old Dawn Whitlock of Flint died at the scene of the accident described as a T-bone collision. Anthony Block, age 36 of Davison, survived the crash, but died from his injuries the following day. One survivor of the crash, 45-year old Danny Doerscher of Grand Blanc, remained in critical but stable condition as of Monday, January 29 at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital.

Both male victims were airlifted first to West Branch Regional Medical Center and then transferred to St. Mary's.

Assisting the State Police with the investigation is an accident reconstructionist from Traverse City. Assisting at the scene were Houghton Lake EMS, Roscommon County Sheriff's Department, Denton Fire & EMS, Denton Police Department, and Flight Care of Saginaw.

It has not yet been determined whether alcohol played a factor in the crash.

## Grayling fifth graders 'D.A.R.E.' to say 'no'



Photo courtesy of the D.A.R.E. Program

A huge crowd was on hand last Friday as the fifth graders of Grayling Elementary School graduated from the D.A.R.E. anti-drug abuse program. Crawford County Deputy Randy Herman, D.A.R.E. coordinator, along with Sheriff Dave Lovely and Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield were also on hand to award certificates and medals. Shown are winners of the D.A.R.E. essay contest. From left: Paraprofessional Kathy Black with fifth grade winners Brandon Piehl, Ray Bennett, Jackie Riness, Jamie Hodge, Julie Teal, Steven "Stosh" Sendek, and Kristina Welso. For more, see Page 8A.

## Grayling Township recommended for nature park grant

Grayling Township's recreation budget may soon receive a huge boost from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The MNRTF has recommended funding for 20 park development projects across the state, including a \$230,000 grant for enhancements to Grayling Township's Fish Hatchery Nature Park.

The statewide grant recommendation totals \$4.1 million to be spread over 20 recreation development projects.

The MNRTF program provides funding assistance for Department of Natural Resources and local outdoor recreation needs, including land acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. Land acquisition projects are slated to receive an additional \$12.2 million in funding.

Fish Hatchery Nature Park, located just upstream from the Grayling Fish Hatchery, is Grayling Township's part of the overall fish hatchery restoration project. That project is being developed through a partnership between Crawford County and other public and private organizations.

The township will use the money to purchase playground equipment. Continued on Page 8A

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## Former Grayling attorney to defend former animal shelter director

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Attorney Keith DuBois, of West Branch, has confirmed he has been retained by Dixie Lobsinger to answer the January 8 complaint filed against her in 46th Circuit Trial Court by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. (ASCC).

Looking at the situation as a gesture of "giving back to the community" he once served, DuBois said he decided to take the case after receiving a number of calls from concerned citizens. "People called requesting I take the case, so there is no doubt she (Lobsinger) has friends," he said.

After an initial conversation with Lobsinger, DuBois said he learned of her difficulty finding an attorney. He commented he met the former animal shelter director when he first moved to Grayling in 1993. He said he admired her work with the animals of Crawford County. DuBois relocated his practice last year to be closer to his home in West Branch.

Lobsinger was served with the lawsuit on January 11 while attending an informational meeting of

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## Five-year plan OK'd for annual funding meeting

► Priorities set for yearly Task Force meeting by TA, Road Commission, City

by Caleb Casey  
 Staff Writer

Representatives from the City of Grayling and the Crawford County Transportation Authority recently worked with the Crawford County Road Commission to establish a 5-year plan for Task Force #9 Surface Transportation Improvement Program funding. Out of the roads eligible for Task Force money, North Down River Road and McMasters Bridge Road were listed as the top priorities for improvement projects.

At the annual task force meeting, a pool of state and federal money will be divided among the road commissions, cities, and transportation authorities of several northern Michigan counties. All funding allocations for projects must be matched 20 percent by the group receiving

the money.

Typically, the group with the highest balance gets first choice on funding a project from the task force pool. Completing a project with allocated task force funds depletes the group's balance.

Last year, Crawford County had a high balance and chose to use task force funds to complete a resurfacing project on Old 27 from M-93 through Frederic.

Due to a projected low balance for 2001, the Road Commission had no project planned for task force money this year. In 2002, the Road Commission planned to fund a project on McMasters Bridge Road. Sections of North Down River Road were listed at 2003 and 2004.

Previously, the road board had moved North Down back due to a proposed full interchange project at North Down, and an issue with the bridge near the Fish Hatchery. The bridge issue was addressed with a construction project last year, and the board now believes the North Down full interchange is not going to be constructed.

City Manager Allen Lowe, agreeing that the North Down interchange is not likely to become a reality, requested the Road Commission move North Down up on the priority list. Lowe said the city is planning on constructing sidewalks on the south side of North Down from the North I-75 Business Loop to the Fish Hatchery.

Lowe suggested a plan to work with the Road Commission on the project to coordinate efforts and do the sidewalks and North Down reconstruction at the same time.

The Road Board agreed that North Down should be a high priority. Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said the Road Commission may be able to negotiate enough task force funding at the annual meeting this year to reconstruct part of North Down this year, but several factors, including what other counties have done with their task force allocations and the city's potential involvement, could affect the outcome.

"There are lots of 'ifs,'" said Babcock.

With a 3-0 vote, the board approved the plan to fund North Down River Road reconstruction (from the North I-75 Business Loop to the I-75 overpass) with task force money in 2001 if possible, or in 2003 otherwise. McMasters Bridge Road is listed under 2002, and another section of North Down (from Wakeley Bridge to Stephan Bridge) was moved to 2004.

Dave Frederick, Director of the Crawford County Transportation Authority, said the \$5,000/year listed in the five-year plan for the Transportation Authority was satisfactory for now, but "there's going to be a time when we come in and ask for a bigger project," he said.

The City of Grayling, which can also secure funding out of Crawford County's share at the task force, did not seek any amount for a project because the city is unsure which, if any, of its roads qualify for funding through the task force, Lowe said.

Also, the city already has a fund set aside specifically for road projects paid for by the city's income tax.

## 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt is now underway

► \$1,500 in prizes to be awarded; several clues now available to hunters

The 2001 Sawmill Medallion Hunt for over \$1,500 in prizes is well underway. The hunt began on Monday, January 29, and already there are historic signs that this year's hunt is one of the best ever.

With the hunt lasting for "seven" more days, the cryptic clues have eager hunters driving around in circles. And since the Crawford County land is so rich in tradition, it will be of no surprise for the successful winner to "renew the soul."

Radio stations WGRY and WQON air a new clue each morning and afternoon, and the Chamber of

Commerce has a list of up to date clues in their office and on their web site.

The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 8, evening at the Sawmill.

The following is a list of clues that have been released up to this point:

1. "To all you old hunters, we now truthfully say, to succeed in this hunt, you will have to pay. Not in cash terms, most certainly not. But your body sure will, and right on the spot. You know how I work, I run you around, and start at beginning, most certainly sound. So out to the west, you will want to hail, near Lucky and Laura's, on Mason Tract Trail."

2. "History doth show, that gold can be found, just get out and walk, 100 paces abound. Start from the lot, and move like a snail, and there

on old log, on right side of trail. Oh! Did I mention, the place you should be? Is Mason Tract Trail, and old cross country? Find yourself lost? Don't stand there and moan. Stop and say hi, at Larry and Joan's."

3. "It should be clear, if gold to be seen, find ye and be, betwixt and between. The stores to the north, you will surely rally, head to the east, from a store there called Dally's. Off ye now go, and now to the race, but sportsmen please slow, your hook line and pace. Down this long trail, you don't want to mire, before you do go, see Upper Lakes Tire."

4. "See now the gold? Don't be a boar, head off to east, from Whistle Stop Store. Look for a sign, and please do not pass, 7 feet high, is white covered grass. Still hopelessly lost, I'm 'tween the stores, way south and down, from NAPA by

Moore's. On north side of road, you might stop and hear, the sound of Great Motor's, from motors by Scheer."

5. "Well now we will go, to the north cause your bored, of missing it all, HEY!! Mr. Deward. Before you head out, you should stop and see, the fine young couple at North End Grocery. They can't tell you much, the 78 few, heading out China West, going past the Swamp Two."

6. "If now to the south, you now find shall be, near Cameron Bridge Road, and Road Manatee. There is an old sign, and birds shall you sing, of motorized use, and wildlife viewing. Stumped are you now, but still want to win? Stop and say hi, at old Frederic Inn. If that ain't enough, you'll cross country hail, to Pineview Surplus, and supply on Long Trail."

## President's education plan applauded by Camp

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) applauded President Bush's bi-partisan education plan last week.

"The President's plan gives states, teachers, and parents the power and tools to educate our children. It holds states accountable, encourages reading success, and improves teacher quality," said Camp.

The President's plan centers on accountability. President George W. Bush proposes to hold schools accountable for improving student achievement. Annual state assessments will enable schools to give parents needed information about how their children are doing in

school. This will also enable schools to detect and correct problems quickly.

"As the President has said many times and I agree 'reading is the building block and it must be the foundation for any education reform,'" said Camp.

"The importance to encourage children to read is a focal point of this plan. To address the fact that nearly 70 percent of fourth graders in the highest-poverty schools cannot read at basic level, funds for reading programs will be available to states to design reading programs in the early elementary grades and for low-income preschoolers.

"Ensuring that our students are learning means we must have quality educators. States and districts will have access to increased flexible funds to prepare, recruit, and

train high quality teachers. In return, they will be held accountable for ensuring that students in public schools are taught by effective teachers. Teachers will have the authority to remove violent or disruptive students from the classroom. President Bush's plan will also increase funding for drug prevention and offer school programs.

"The President has been listening to members on both sides of the aisle and has proposed a plan that meets the shared goals for education reform," said Camp. "Education is the ticket to keeping the door of opportunity open for our families and children.

"Today's students deserve the tools to be tomorrow's leaders. We must challenge our students to do their best. We must provide greater flexibility."

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seen is because of aggressive spaying and neutering in this community. If it is made affordable to the people, they are more than willing to have their pets altered. I have also seen a great increase in people who are more responsible pet owners. I believe the low cost vaccination clinics have also had a big

impact on these facts. I have always found people more willing to cooperate if you show them you are willing to help them accomplish what you ask of them.

"The pet owners of Crawford County have come a long way in the last nine years. There is still a long way to travel, but we are well on our way."

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## 2000-01 Enrichment Classes Offered

### Introduction To Computers

Date: January 29 and February 5 & 12 at GHS  
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 Course: 3 Weeks  
 Day: Monday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$40.00 (includes book)  
 Class Size: 10 student limit  
 Course will repeat again: February 26 and March 5 & 12  
 Call 344-3534 for enrollment

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers.

### Basic Framing & Matting Class

Date: February 1 and 8, 2001  
 Instructor: Paula Edlund  
 Course: 2 Weeks  
 Day: Thursday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$25.00  
 Materials: \$25.00 to cover all supplies to complete 2 - 8x10 pictures.  
 Class Size: 10-12 student limit  
 Call 344-3534 for enrollment.

Learn how to choose mat colors and framing for your pictures. How to measure and determine mat border size. How to put pictures together Metal and Wood. How to cut a mat. Class project is 2 - 8x10 framed and matted pictures that you complete yourself. Course location: Framing by Paula on Michigan Ave.

### Adult Painting Class

Date: February 5, 2001 at GHS  
 Instructor: Dean Worden  
 Course: 8-10 Weeks  
 Day: Monday and Wednesday - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$60.00 plus materials (\$40.00 or less)  
 Class Size: 15 student limit

Acrylic, Oils, or Watercolor. The class will focus on color theory, cool and warm colors, working with light and working on masters style and technique. Also to enhance your own style of painting. You will need to provide your own brushes, paints and canvas or paper.

### Holistic Health And Humor

(The healing of body, mind and spirit)  
 Date: January 29 through March 19, 2001 at GHS  
 Instructor: Bryant Meyers  
 (certified through Kaye Thomas-Hogan)  
 Course: 8 Weeks  
 Day: Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Fee: \$20.00 (\$50.00 for both)  
 Class Size: 20 student limit

DESCRIPTION: Holistic medicine focuses on healing body, mind and spirit. Topics will include nutrition, herbology, supplements, clean water, air, sunshine, fasting, relaxation, positive thinking and affirmations, prayer, meditation and most importantly - LAUGHTER.

Mr. Meyers has presented regular segments for Public Television on Health and Nutrition, wrote a book entitled "Love it or Lose it" on health and humor. He has performed several stand-up comedy routines, and is currently writing a book on Humor and Laughter. Also, he has been studying and practicing Holistic Health for 8 years. Mr. Meyers is also an ordained minister and a certified Hatha Yoga instructor.

### Hatha Yoga

Date: January 29 through March 19, 2001 at GHS  
 Instructor: Bryant Meyers  
 Course: 8 Weeks  
 Day: Monday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$35.00 (\$50.00 for both)  
 Class Size: 20 student limit

DESCRIPTION: This form of Yoga, the most popular in the United States, involves physical postures (asanas) and breathing techniques (pranayama). These practices form the bulk of Hatha Yoga - the yoga of force - which emphasizes strengthening and purifying the body.



### Intermediate To Advanced Computers

Date: Beginning January 24 at GHS (see below)  
 Instructor: Terri Snyder & Ron Joyce  
 Course: 2 Weeks  
 Day: Wednesday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Fee: \$25.00 per class or \$85.00 for all 4 classes  
 Class Size: 20 student limit  
 Class I - Wordperfect - January 24 & 31  
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## Pay hikes for lawmakers stir outrage, but too late?

by Lesa Ingraham  
Capital News Service

Lansing - Karen Holcomb-Merrill has received many calls from outraged taxpayers and voters about the proposed pay raise for Michigan lawmakers.

"I've had lots of people call me. I tell them to call their senators and write letters to the editor," said Holcomb-Merrill, executive director of Common Cause - Michigan. "There isn't really much else that I can tell them."

Common Cause is a national non-profit, nonpartisan citizen's lobbying organization attempting to promote open, honest and accountable government. In Michigan, Common Cause worked to establish the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

The proposed pay increase gained public interest because 35 senators stand to receive an average pension hike of \$13,200 per year. Pensions would grow from a current average of \$34,000 to an average of \$47,000 a year.

The pension increases are due to a 40 percent salary raise for lawmakers over the next two years. Lawmakers will receive an average salary increase of \$20,000 a year.

Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City) thinks there should

be a vote on the pay increase and if there is a vote, he will vote in favor of the pay increase, said Gary Henderson, chief of staff for McManus. "As far as he's concerned, he could take or leave the money. It's the future candidates down the line to think about," Henderson said.

Henderson expressed McManus's concerns about finding qualified legislative candidates in the areas of health care and multi-million dollar budgets.

"How many doctors and hospital administrators who really understand health care issues are going to run for a job paying \$56,000?" Henderson said. "With the term limits, this is not the best career move and who is going to want to interrupt their career to take a job with a pay cut?"

"George thinks there should be a vote and when he decides what he is going to do, he announces it. Unfortunately, he seems to be in the minority in the Senate," McManus stands to receive a pension increase of \$10,881.

Senator Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township) who opposes the pay increase, also feels the Senate should vote on the issue, but "The leadership of the Senate, Dan

DeGrow (R-Port Huron), has said there isn't going to be a vote. I don't think it is appropriate for us to get this type of increase when state employees are only getting a 2 percent increase," Peters said. "I would not oppose a cost-of-living increase." Peters sponsored a Senate resolution to reject the increase.

"Whether there is a vote depends on public opinion," Peters said. "I'm getting more hopeful as time goes on, because I know the support is growing, but I'm always hopeful. If it goes through, I will keep a cost of living raise and donate the rest to a charitable organization."

The House voted Thursday, overwhelmingly, to deny the pay increase, but, regardless of the vote, the issue is still in the Senate's hands. If the Senate does not vote by next Thursday, the pay increase takes effect immediately, retroactive to January 1.

House Speaker Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy) co-sponsored a House resolution to reject the pay raise with the Minority Leader Kwame Kilpatrick, (D-Detroit).

In spite of controversy about the pay raise, Holcomb-Merrill said Common Cause does not necessarily believe lawmakers should get the

increase.

"We (Common Cause) really don't take a position on the money amount, but we have said that state legislators should be adequately paid," Holcomb-Merrill said. "We do feel that they should be held accountable, especially because of the public outrage."

"I've had people ask me if I am going to receive a pension," Holcomb-Merrill said. "Yes, I'm going to, but not anything like they're getting - and I'm not getting paid with taxpayers' money."

Twenty-seven senators are restricted from re-election by term limits and 24 of the 27 will be eligible to start receiving the new, higher pensions.

The five largest retirement checks would go to: Harry Gast, (R-St. Joseph), with an increase of \$19,435; Dan DeGrow, (R-Port Huron), \$17,861; Jackie Vaughn, (D-Detroit), \$19,042; Robert Emerson, (D-Flint), \$16,694 and John Cherry, (D-Clio), \$17,112.

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## Bradstreet to head Energy & Technology Committee

Lansing - On January 25, State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord), representing Michigan's 105th District, was tapped by Speaker Rick Johnson to chair the House Energy & Technology Committee, one of the largest committees in the Michigan House.

"As vice chair of the committee last session, Rep. Bradstreet demonstrated his knowledge and concern about these highly technical issues," said Johnson (R-Leroy). "I know that Ken's dedication and diligence will continue to strengthen the future of northern Michigan and the rest of the state. I look forward to working with him."

The Energy & Technology Committee, often known as the "Utilities Committee," is one of the four largest policy committees in the Michigan House of Representatives. The committee oversees utility issues, as well as telecommunications and Internet issues.

"I am very excited about chairing this committee," said Bradstreet. "It is humbling and gratifying to know my colleagues have the confidence to entrust this responsibility to me."

Bradstreet played a key role in discussions, during the last two years, surrounding the deregulation of the electrical and telecommunications industries. Aside from sponsoring legislation, he spearheaded a task force that deliberated on the standards of conduct between incumbent utilities and marketers in the natural gas industry.

Prior to taking public office, Bradstreet was the executive director of the Association of Alternate Postal Services, a national association that deals with regulatory issues, especially those pertaining to the Postal Rate Commission. His knowledge of regulated monopolies, standards of conduct, and a competitive marketplace has aided his

understanding of similar regulatory issues that are handled by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Bradstreet said he looks forward to the many upcoming challenges the committee will face.

"Michigan, like most states throughout the nation, is facing some very significant energy problems," he said. "The price of natural gas and propane is dramatically increasing, although our residents have not yet seen the natural gas increase, due to the current rate cap. On April 1, when the cap is lifted, many consumers will be faced with the reality of the current demand for this highly used resource."

"As chairman of this committee, I hope to explore these pricing issues in greater depth."

Bradstreet also indicated he wants to compare the electrical markets in California and Michigan.

"I want to bring in the experts to

explain what we need to do legislatively to ensure that Michigan residents won't be faced with the same electrical uncertainties as our West Coast friends," Bradstreet said.

Aside from chairing the House Energy & Technology Committee, Bradstreet was selected to serve on the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Health Policy committees.

"All of my assigned committees concern issues vital to the 105th District and northern Michigan," Bradstreet said. "I look forward to addressing the many legislative proposals in the best interest of my constituents."

## Kirtland's M-TEC hires first instructor

Kirtland Community College's Michigan Technical Education Center (MTEC), now under construction in Gaylord, has selected its first faculty member. Kerry Harwood, Manufacturing Engineer with Cooper-Standard Automotive of Gaylord has been chosen as the Center's Instructor of Manufacturing Technology. He will begin his new duties on March 1. He was selected from a number of applicants from throughout Michigan.

In addition to teaching, Harwood will work with members of business and industry in the development and implementation of all manufacturing programs to be offered at the Center. He will also develop course content and appropriate instruction materials, initiate and assist in planning new programs, assist in class scheduling and budget preparation, and provide leadership for the assessment of student outcomes in manufacturing technology programs. He will work under the supervision of the M-TEC Provost, Katherine Nemeth, and in cooperation with the chairperson for career



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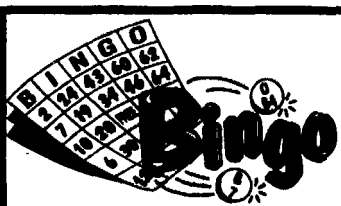
and technical education.

In announcing the appointment, Nemeth said: "Kerry Harwood has the academic qualifications and manufacturing technology experience we need for this position. He also has initiative, and the organization and leadership skills which are so important in helping to launch this first year at the Center." The mission of the M-TEC Center at Gaylord is to train students for high-skill, high-demand, high-wage jobs in northern Michigan. The Center

will open for the Fall semester, 2001.

Mr. Harwood, who holds Associate degrees from Kirtland in manufacturing processes and drafting and design, earned his Bachelor in Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Ferris State University in 1994. He received his Masters in Art-Industrial Management from Central Michigan University in 1996. He has worked at Standard Products Co. in Gaylord since 1993.

Harwood has been a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers since 1993 with certifications as a manufacturing engineer and as a manufacturing technologist. He has been a member of the American Society for Quality since 1996. From 1988-1994 he served with the Michigan National Guard (U.S. Army) as a UH-1 Helicopter Crew Chief.



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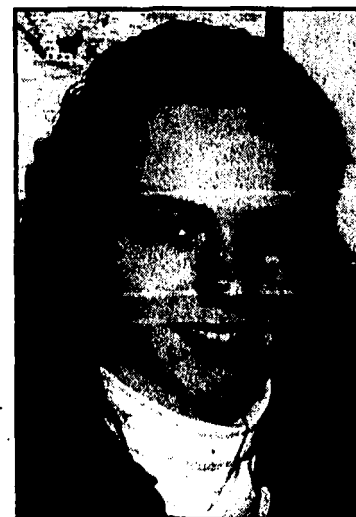
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## Avalanche welcomes new CNS reporter

With a new semester under way at Michigan State University (MSU), the *Avalanche* has received word another young Capital News Service correspondent will be supplying readers with stories that should prove interesting and informative to all.

Capital News Service (CNS) is a program offered through MSU and correspondents keep an eye on things in our state capital of Lansing.

Our latest CNS writer is Lesa Ingraham, a journalist senior at MSU who hails from Cadillac. She has written for the *Cadillac News* and the *Ypsilanti Courier*. Her career plans include work as a newspaper journalist.



Lesla Ingraham

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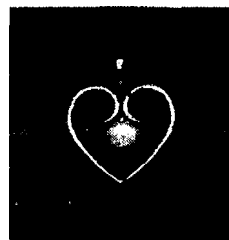
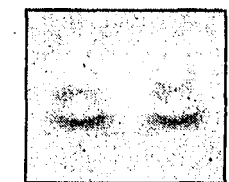
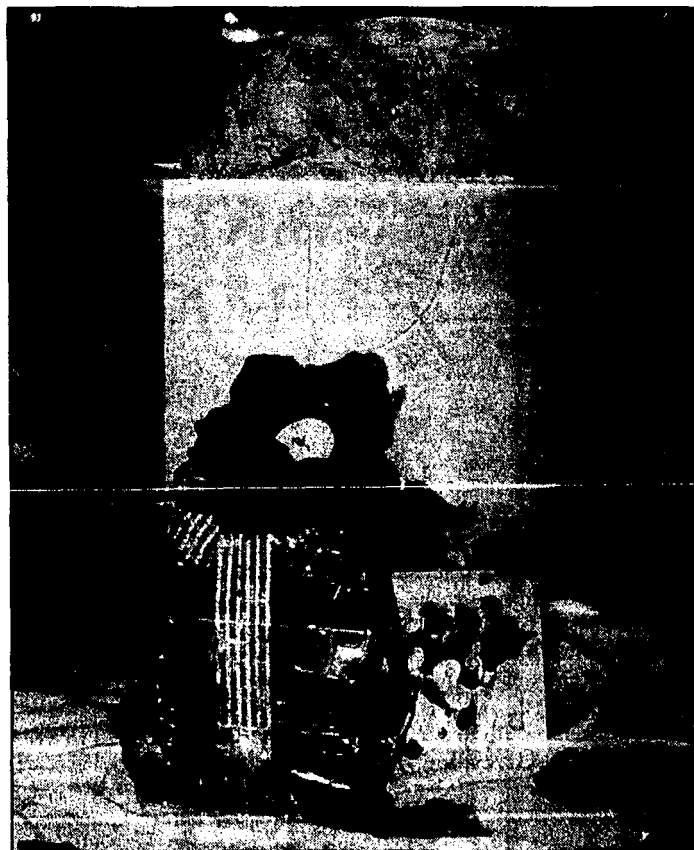


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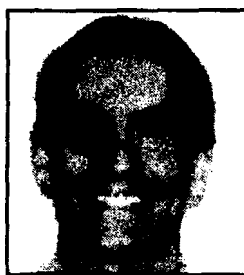
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# OPINIONS

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the Editor,'  
see Page 14A.



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# Count your blessings

The land of plenty?  
Yes, America. We are a land of plenty. We are the land of opportunity.  
Where else could a man from a dirt poor village like Hope, Arkansas, grow to be twice chosen to lead the greatest nation ever to be created on the face of the earth?  
Where else could a man go from being accused a double murderer to being the Most Valuable Player in the Super Bowl in one year's time?  
Only in America.  
Yes, we surely are the land of plenty. We can have whatever we desire, whatever we dream of. And when we don't get it, we become upset.  
But when do we have enough?  
When did 200 television channels

become less than enough?  
How long has it been that we have to have heated car seats?  
Maybe it was sometime around Christmas time, when we fought like maniacs because we had to have the newest Sony Playstations that hit the shelves. The Nintendo 64 that was all the rage last year is no longer good enough.  
No, we have been heading down this road for some time. Sometime around the creation of the three-car garage? That was the same era when it became fashionable - no necessary - to have a television in every room.  
I don't think of myself as that old, but I remember when it was a big deal to see a television show in color, or to have a color

television at all.  
Remember when it was impressive to have air conditioning? Those signs in the store windows that said "it's cool inside"? We don't see those anymore.  
But maybe I'm spoiled. I've always had indoor plumbing. I don't remember the Great Depression. The only rationing I've had to put up with was Jimmy Carter's gas rationing.  
We seem to take so many things for granted here in our land of plenty.  
That's why I saved the following message that reached my email (see, there's another one) during the holiday season.  
I share it with you now in the spirit in which it was sent to me.  
"If you have food in the refrigerator,

clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of our world.  
"If you have money in the bank, or in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthy.  
"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who did not survive this week.  
"If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.  
"If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture

or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.  
"If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.  
"If you can hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.  
"If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.  
"If you can read this, you are more blessed than two billion people who can not read at all.  
"Have a good day and count your blessings."

# EDITOR

## Reporting on shelter issue 'resourceful, up to speed'

To the editor,  
I am writing this letter in response to Mr. Kenney's letter. I found his letter to be disturbing.  
I have found Cheryl's reporting on the animal shelter to be very resourceful and up to speed.  
As for your comments on reporting the other side of the story, maybe you should talk to Ward Parker, Joe Porter and Nancy Lemmen who have not made any comments or statements. Instead, they sit behind closed doors and refuse to give their side. Maybe it is because they have something to hide and realize how wrong they are!  
If they were the honest group they say they are, they would have been up front with the mediator on what they planned to do regarding Dixie. Instead, they sat there making him believe they were going to try working things out and all this time they had a plan to get rid of her anyway... never telling him they had already written her a letter.

So, Mr. Kenney, maybe you can enlighten us on how we can get an objective point of view when the other side refuses to talk. They obviously see there is truth to what has been reported because, if it wasn't, they would not have a problem telling their side of the story.  
Maybe they have a reason for not stating their side, but enough time has past and they got what they wanted. Still, they are behind closed doors, discussing and planning, and they won't tell their story. Maybe you should talk with them and report for yourself their side.  
Who cares how Cheryl feels, as long as she is doing her job, unlike the board! As for Cheryl's van being parked in front of the gates of the shelter... WRONG. That van belongs to a woman by the name of Vivian Smith. As far as that goes, maybe you need to report actual facts.

Jill Stanley  
Grayling

## Resolve lawsuit; return shelter to Dixie

To the editor,  
I have been reading all of the stories in the Avalanche about the Grayling animal shelter and I am appalled by the pettiness and inconsideration given to Dixie Lobsinger after so many years of devoted service to the residents of Grayling and Crawford County.  
We have had a home in the Grayling area since 1972. We have adopted more than a dozen pets from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County for ourselves, relatives and friends during the past 15 years. Dixie has bathed, wormed, and groomed each of our pets before we picked them up from the Shelter. All three of our beloved current dogs come from the Shelter, each more wonderful than the other.  
We appreciate Dixie's efforts, we laud her attempt to create a source for Leader Dogs, and we recognize her selfless devotion to the animals that came into her care.  
We witnessed her pain when she could not find a home for one of her orphans and had to put

down one of the animals. We watched as she took abused dogs and made them trust and love again.  
We sent Dixie and the Shelter a donation every year for the past several years (until all of the infighting started this past December), we donated to the Shelter rummage sale, and we turned in our Glen's receipts so that extra food could be donated for Shelter animals. We even had an architect who was willing to design the new shelter, pro bono, when the land was available.  
To think that people doing "community service" can care for the animals at the Shelter with the love and devotion Dixie has, is absurd. It is time for the citizens of Grayling and Crawford County to demand the lawsuit against Dixie be resolved amicably; that the Shelter be put back into caring hands, and that Dixie be recognized for her unheralded activities.

Lynn S. Cohen  
Northbrook, IL

## Where were you?

To the editor:  
I just returned from the meeting in the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria. It was a meeting to tell the search committee what you, the public, would like in a new superintendent. It was an opportunity to speak your mind about the kind of a person the School Board should be looking for to lead our educational community.  
Where were you? Where were all the people who complain about the schools and complain about the people in charge of the schools?  
Out of the entire community - there were only 12 of us there.  
We spoke our minds. We told the man in charge of the search committee - Mr. Tim Quinn - what we thought they should be looking for in a superintendent - but we would have listened to you.  
I was very disappointed in our community. You should have been there.

Betty Bennett  
Grayling

## Media is wrong on Roe v. Wade

To the editor,  
Anyone see the news program, "This Week" last Sunday?  
During the show, the question was brought up about the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned by the Bush administration.  
If there was ever a question about what side the biased, mainstream media is on, it was clarified by Cokie Roberts.  
She put on her best look of indignation and stated, "Would someone please explain to me why the Religious Right is so opposed to a woman's right to choose, and not to the transplanting of the heart of a murder victim?"  
Let me try to explain it to you, Cokie. Murder is wrong under any circumstances. The difference is that the murder victim was not murdered by abortion. Abortion of innocent babies is murder.  
Ever hear of God's commandment, "Thou shalt not commit murder?"  
He didn't say, "Thou shalt not commit murder, unless you feel you have a reason."  
Think about it.

James Allman  
Frederic

## Editor's note

**Editor's note:** In response to the letter submitted by Keith E. Kenney of Grayling, published in the January 25, 2001 issue of the *Crawford County Avalanche*:  
The only information and comments the *Avalanche* has been able to obtain from members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board have pertained to their unanswered requests of former director Dixie Lobsinger to provide them with financial records and the fact that she stopped coming to their meetings. We quoted them only when they spoke "on the record."  
We regret that we did not inform our readers of each incident when board members chose not to answer questions regarding shelter operations, meeting information, and who would manage the shelter after Lobsinger announced her desire to resign.  
Finally, none of the vehicles that blocked the shelter driveway on either December 9 or December 31, 2000 was or is owned or operated by our reporter, Cheryl Rulley.

## Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.  
Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.  
Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.  
All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.  
Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

## AVALANCHE DEADLINES

**Community Briefs** items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.  
**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.  
**News items and letters** should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.  
Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.  
**Classified ads** by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.  
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**Full page, half page, or color display ads** must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.  
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## HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S.,  
Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.  
**BE PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING EMERGENCIES**

**QUESTION:** I travel a lot in winter and know there are certain things to do to protect yourself in case of car trouble, unexpected blizzards, being stranded, etc. What precautions can I take to be prepared for the unexpected?

SIGNED: On the go.

**ANSWER:** Michigan winters are often unpredictable and dangerous snow conditions can materialize unexpectedly. If you must travel, make sure someone knows your travel plans and the route you usually take. This includes travel routes to work as well as lengthy trips. Your car should be equipped with a safety kit in the event you become stranded. Include the following:  
- a shovel and container of sand or kitty litter in case your car is stuck in snow or on ice  
- a flashlight and extra batteries  
- a gas can for longer trips  
- a warm blanket, mittens, boots and hat  
- dried fruit, nuts or candy to snack on  
- a small candle in a jar and matches which when placed on the dash in a stranded car can provide light and warmth  
- a "HELP" sign to place in the car window  
Be sure to keep the gas tank full. If running the engine to keep warm while stranded, do so only intermittently and keep a window open partway. Make sure the exhaust pipe doesn't become blocked with snow. This is critical or your car could become a death trap in just a short time from carbon monoxide.  
Remember, don't leave your car to walk for help unless assistance is clearly visible in the immediate area.  
Be prepared for all possible emergencies when driving in Michigan winters. Also, why not give a family member or new driver a car emergency kit for a gift. It could turn out to be the most useful gift they have ever received.



# BRIEFS

## Senior Center hosts two events

The Commission on Aging Senior Center will host a Blueberry Pancake Brunch on Sunday, February 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, learn about Alzheimer's Disease at a seminar planned for Wednesday, February 7 at 12:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both events. For more information, call the Senior Center at 348-7123.

## Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner of \$100 is Arlene Caon.

## Land conservancy group to meet

The Headwaters Land Conservancy will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on February 8 in the former library building, now the MSU Extension Office, adjacent to the Courthouse Annex in Mio (one block east of the traffic light at the intersection of M-33 and M-72). The Conservancy assists landowners in preparing conservation easements and other forms of land-protection plans. The public is invited to attend and bring questions and concerns. For more information, call (517) 826-5714.

## Band Boosters still selling coupon books

Viking Band Booster Coupon Books are still available by calling Debbie Rugenstein at (517) 275-5172. Books contain discount coupons from Buccilli's Subway, Gray Rock Cafe, Patti's, B.C. Pizza, and Crawford Station. Also included are Skyline, Ray's Canoe Livery, Grayling Country Club and Marsh Ridge. Price is \$15 for \$700 in savings.

## Grayling garden club to meet Feb. 1

Beyond the Garden Wall -- Grayling's federated garden club -- will feature a demonstration on propagating plants from seed at the February 1 meeting at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. For information, call Thelma H. at 344-2043. Newcomers are always welcome to join club members for an evening of information and sharing of gardening ideas. The club's purpose is to promote beauty throughout the community and especially in its immediate surroundings.

## Benefit spaghetti dinner planned

Dixie's Underdogs, members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, will hold a benefit spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe on Industrial Street in Grayling. Purpose of the dinner is to raise money for legal expenses and to bring suit against the board of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Any unused funds will be donated to the animal shelter. Ticket price is \$5 per person; Underdogs under 10 eat free. Tickets are on sale throughout the community and will be available at the door. Donations may be sent to: Dixie's Underdogs, P.O. Box 154, Grayling, MI 49738. Also, animal shelter members will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 2 at the Gray Rock Cafe. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Alzheimer support group offered

The Alzheimer Dementia Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Grayling Nursing Centre, 331 Meadows Drive in Grayling. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Information will be shared and question/answer time is included. For more information, call Sean at (517) 348-2801.

## Three school band concerts scheduled

School band members will perform solos and ensembles Wednesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. They will be performing their Festival selections. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Also, Pre-Festival Band Concerts are scheduled for February 15 (Grayling High School/Eastern Michigan University) and February 22 (Grayling Middle School/NWU Concert Bands).

## Winter Fun Days festival to be held February 9-11

February 9, 10, and 11 will mark the annual Grayling Winter Fun Days festival this year. The event, held at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park, has evolved over the years with many different names, but has always had the same focus: winter fun in Grayling.

Grayling has long been a mecca of winter fun and continues to offer many outdoor opportunities for recreation in the winter. Downhill and cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, tubing, sledding, and snowshoeing are among the many great ways to have winter fun in Grayling.

## High schools invited to enter Congressional art contest

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) is encouraging high schools across the 1st Congressional District to take part in an annual art competition that puts winning entries from each district on display for a full year in one of the corridors leading into the U.S. Capitol.

Any artwork created this school year is eligible for the competition in the Congressional High School Arts Competition, entitled "An Artistic Discovery," and any high school student who either resides in or attends school in the 1st District can enter the 1st District Contest.

Entries, however, are limited to original concepts done as drawings, collages, paintings, prints, computer graphics or photography. Entries reproduced from an existing photo,

painting or any other work will not be accepted.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on April 21 at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba, which is coordinating the 1st Congressional District event, Stupak said.

Information on specific rules for preparing and submitting pieces of art should be available in local high school art departments.

Information can also be obtained from Pasqua Warstler at the Bonifas Art Center at (906) 786-3833, or Chris Hartmann in Stupak's D.C. office, (202) 225-4735.

Copies of the contest guidelines are also available at: [www.house.gov/shadegg/artshow/Guidelines.htm](http://www.house.gov/shadegg/artshow/Guidelines.htm).

## VFW to distribute surplus food

Submitted by Marie J. Scott  
VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carl W. Borchers Post & Auxiliary 3736 will be distributing surplus food commodities on February 13 at the Eagles Hall, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are not certified, you will need to do so before receiving any commodities. You will need to bring proof of income of all members in the household to be certified, as well as identification of the head of household.

If you receive food stamps, AFDC, SSI, Medicaid or General Assistance, you are eligible for this program.

Any resident of Crawford County that feels they might qualify will have to bring proof of gross income (gross income refers to total cash receipts before taxes) for every working person in the household.

A household is a single individual or group of related or non-related individuals, an immediate family or extended family who are living as one economic unit and for whom food is customarily purchased and prepared in common.

Also, bring personal identification for the head of the household. Drivers license is preferable. If your income is a direct deposit,

bring in your bank statement. If you have no income, you must bring in a statement from Social Services to that effect, or bring your eligibility card from any of the above mentioned programs.

Eligibility is based on (1) wages and salaries before any deductions; (2) receipts from non-farm and farm self-employment; (3) regular payments from Social Security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits, veterans' benefits, public assistance including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), training stipends, alimony, private pensions, government employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments; and (4) income from dividends, interest, rent, royalties, or periodic receipts from estates or trusts.

Exempt incomes are capital gains, tax refunds, student loans, Medicare premium deducted from Social Security, and child support.

Food products and funding are made available to the states on the basis of the number of persons unemployed and those below the poverty level.

Please do not call the Eagles for information on this program. Their hall serves only as a distribution point.

## Titanic 'Steerage Party Band' to perform at KCC


"Gaelic Storm" has thundered onto stages around the world, astounding audiences with their explosive performance. Featured as the "Steerage Party Band" in the blockbuster hit movie *Titanic*. Their dynamic stage show features rousing, upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting ballads and infectious madcap humor.

Gaelic Storm has drawn record-breaking crowds at Milwaukee's famed IrishFest (for two years running), Celtic-Fest Chicago, the Dublin Ohio Irish Festival, as well as Festival Interceltique in Lorient, France (the largest Celtic festival in the world) where over 7,000 turned out to party with the storm. The band has likewise played to capacity crowds at performing arts centers across the country. Nominated as "performers of the year" in 1999 and 2000 by the National Association of Campus Activities, Gaelic Storm has garnered a huge following among college students from Hawaii to New Hampshire. A mini-documentary about Gaelic Storm airs regularly on Cinemax, and the band has appeared numerous times on national TV.

The group's first album reached #5 on Billboard's World Music chart and remained there for 30 weeks. The storm kicked off their

second album with a sold-out tour of 21 cities, thrilling new and old fans from Wisconsin to Texas to North Carolina.

The concert is scheduled for February 10 at 8 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777 or check out our website at: [www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~kcpahome/](http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~kcpahome/)



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## Builders offer \$1,000 scholarships

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The scholarships will be for seniors in the Crawford AuSable, Gerrish-Higgins, or the Houghton Lake School District.


This scholarship not only covers those who plan on becoming building contractors, but those who go into decorating, drafting, engineering, architecture, etc.

Anyone who knows a student eligible for one of the scholarships should encourage him/her to apply.

Applications are available at the high schools in each district or by contacting Tri-Lakes at (517) 275-4759 or [trilakes@freeway.net](mailto:trilakes@freeway.net). Applications are due back to Tri-Lakes by April 10, 2001.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Are you Worried?

We teach little children the chorus, "Why worry when you can pray!" Yet, many Christians spend more time worrying than praying. God has forbidden us to worry, and commanded us to pray. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6,7) The old English word "careful" means filled with cares or anxiety. God wants us to cast all of our worries and anxieties upon Him and to trust Him. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Pet. 5:7)

We should make a conscious choice to be happy in the Lord everyday. "This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psa. 118:24) "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psa. 37:4)

We should dedicate our body, mind, and will to God's control everyday. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable

service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:1,2)

As we choose to serve and obey God, He promised to guide us and bless us. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17) "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Prov. 16:3) "Commit thy way unto the LORD: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." (Psa. 37:5) "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is." (Jer. 17:7)

Put God first in your life and He will help you take care of the things other people worry about. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matt. 6:33,34)

Allow God to replace your covetousness desires with contentment so you can enjoy His presence. "Let your con-

version be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13:5)

Avoid guilt feelings by confessing your sins to God and also by seeking the forgiveness of others. "And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil" (Luke 11:4) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Don't worry! Be Happy! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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## Free medical care available

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC had just published a new booklet, "Free and Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on a how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program.

The Hill-Burton program has been in effect for over 50 years providing more than 35 billion dollars in free and low cost care to qualified participants. The program was established in 1946 to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly 6 billion dollars in grants and loans were given to 7,000 facilities in over 4,000 communities. In exchange, the facilities agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to persons residing in the local community who are unable to pay.

"There are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care, but there is rarely any publicity to let the public know about this program," says Jim Surasak, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "A step by step outline guides consumers through the process of finding a participating facility, and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost care. Consumers can apply before or after receiving care form a participating facility."

Financial Assistance Network is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to helping people who cannot afford medical care or prescription medication. The pri-

mary purposes of Financial Assistance Network are to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free and Low Cost Medical Care Booklet - Dept. MCB-1211 - P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039. Consumers can get more information by calling 205-595-1039 or from Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: [www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org](http://www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org)

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 45 calls for the week of January 22-28:

One intercept, one kidnapping/abduction violation, two burglary/home invasions, three larcenies, one fraudulent activities, one family offense/abuse/neglect, four public peace/disorderly, one health and

safety;

One miscellaneous criminal offense, three delinquent minors, one runaway, 14 traffic accidents, one snowmobile incident, one false alarm activation, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, one suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one missing persons, and four general non-criminal.

## Church Directory

### SWEETER

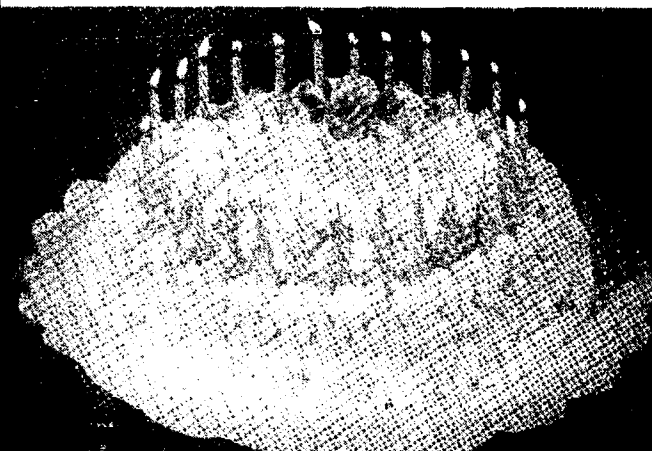
Oh, how many of us love sweets! Birthdays bring cake frosted with clouds of icing and topped with mounds of ice cream. Easter hatches chocolate eggs and Christmas and Hanukkah claim their own traditionally rich cakes and confections. Of course, sometimes we enjoy them too much and pay weighty consequences.

### THAN

We read God's Word in Psalms 105:103... "How sweet are Thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Imagine a sweetness more wonderful to the senses than anything you have ever tasted. Best of all...the more the better! Does it sound too good to be true?

### HONEY

Indulge your spirit in God's House this week. Don't pass up the richness of God's love and the sweetness of His peace. Faith in our Lord satisfies our every need. Take the occasion to worship this week.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 10:34-48	1:14-32	1:33-54	13:22-35	10:2-42	13:1-2	5:1-32

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Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

### Gaylord Christian Reformed Rev. V. Schaap

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 pm

### St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community

Robert W. Nailey, J.V., Pastor  
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass ..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass ..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays) ..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses ..... 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays ..... 8:30 am

### First Baptist Church of Frederic Pastor Dale Hammond

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

### Resurrection Life Church Pastor Jimmie McWatters

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231-536-7933 • [jmcwat@freeway.net](mailto:jmcwat@freeway.net)  
Sunday Services ..... 11:00 am

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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

### Church of Christ Gordon French, Pastor

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Sunday Classes ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study ..... 7 pm

### Bear Lake Christian

M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Sunday Service ..... 10 am

### The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message Pastor Paul Rolfe

7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday ..... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7 pm

### Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor Lyle Studer

211 Shellenbarger St.  
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Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am

April through October

2nd Wednesday ..... 8 pm

### Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeffrey Jagers

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Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 am

(Child Care is Available)

Children's

Sunday School ..... 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School ..... 11:15 a.m.

Juniour Church ..... 10:30 am

Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10:30 am

### Seventh Day Adventist

Pastor Jeff Arthur

Phone 517-275-1061

Services held Saturday at Camp

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(1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Church Service

Saturday ..... 9:30 am

Sabbath School

Saturday ..... 10:30 am

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

### Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Service &

Children's Church ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

Thursday Discipleship Class ..... 7 pm

Significant Singles Monday ..... 7 pm

### Grayling Assembly of God

Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Church 348-8885

Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Wednesday - Family Night

Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 pm

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

President George D. Rasin

600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament ..... 10 am

Sunday School ..... 11 am

Primary ..... 11 am

Priesthood ..... 12 noon

Relief Society ..... 12 noon

### Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ

3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult and Youth

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

### Heritage Baptist

Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)

Pastor Wayne Knockel

710 Spruce Street

348-5224

Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

Nursery is available

### St. Francis Episcopal

Rev. Robert Henley

M-72 West

Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy

Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Morning Praise ..... 10:30 am

(the second Sunday of each month)

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

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(Wednesday) ..... 6:45 pm

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510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

### Luzerne Baptist

Pastor James Durfee

2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm



## OBITUARIES



**Elnora K. Lodge**

Aug. 30, 1919 - Jan. 26, 2001

Elnora (Barber) Lodge, 81, of Zephyrhills, Florida and Frederic died while visiting her daughter in Baytown, Texas.

Elnora was born to Charles and Flora (Howse) Barber on August 30, 1919 in Frederic. She married George Lodge in 1937.

Mrs. Lodge built her home with her husband on the property where she was raised. Elnora was a graduate of Frederic High School and a member of the Eastern Star. She was a retiree from AuSable Woodworking Co.; summers were then spent in Frederic and winters in Zephyrhills, Florida. Elnora was also a member of her local Baptist church and sang in the choir in Zephyrhills.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George, grandson Bradley George Alma, granddaughter Tammy Best and eight brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include: one sister, Erma (Vance) Horner of St. Johns; four daughters, Carol (Don) Bancroft of Grayling, Sharon (Cliff) Johnson of Frederic, Karen (Jerry) Krickler of Hemlock and Mary Bea Stuart of Baytown, Texas; two sons, Charles (Pat) Lodge of Commerce Township, and Phillip (Tara) Lodge of Lorain, Ohio and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held in the spring.

Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

### Ralph A. Kaseman

Aug. 22, 1910 - Jan. 24, 2001

Ralph A. Kaseman, 90, a retired technical engineer for Chrysler Motor Corp., died Wednesday, January 24, 2001 in Ocala, Florida.

A native of Cresson, Pennsylvania, he moved to Ocala 2 years ago from Grayling, where he lived for 25 years. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Country Club, the Grayling Country Club and a past member of the property committee of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited, as well as a member of the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy B. Kaseman of Ocala, Florida and a niece, Pat Irwin of Springfield, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited or a favorite charity.

Roberts Funeral Home of Ocala, Florida provided information.

## Pratt - Yazurlo Engaged



**Dana Sue Pratt and Michael Patrick Yazurlo III**

Ben and Donna Pratt of Frederic wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Sue, to Michael Patrick Yazurlo III of Laflin, Pennsylvania. Michael is the son of Dorothy and the late Michael Patrick Yazurlo II.

Dana is a 1988 graduate of Grayling High School and a 1998 graduate of Davenport University. Dana is employed as a paramedic at the Otsego County Ambulance.

She also works for Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord.

Michael is a 1988 graduate of Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Michael is now employed in the security department at Victorias Casino in Petoskey.

An October 6, 2001 wedding is planned at the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Submitted by Clara Sorenson

#### Class of 1935

I have received a letter informing me that Evelyn Thieme Schmidt passed away on December 18, 2000. She was a Home Economics teacher here in the 1930s.

After leaving here, she lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and had a new career as children's social worker that she found to be rewarding. She had been in nursing care in Racine, Wisconsin for several years.

She visited here in July, 1982 when Eloise Schmidt invited some former students to visit with her. I

have enjoyed keeping in touch; I was one of her students.

Just a bit of trivia from the 1934 Yearbook. A list of the high school faculty:

R.R. Burns, Superintendent; G.L. Poor, Principal; Norine Berry, English; Josephine Nichols, Latin and Math; Evelyn Thieme, Home Economics; Willard Cornell, Physical Education; Beatrice Freeman, Commercial; Frank Bond, Science.

Evelyn is the last one of our teachers that the Class of 1935 had as Seniors. Today, our high school faculty numbers 20, plus.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 31, 2001 through February 6, 2001:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted.

The Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Sherman Rd., South of Old State

Road 618, and West of county Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and mortar firing.

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek.

The Range 30 Complex, located North of North Down River Road, East of Jones Lake Road, South of CR 612, and West of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, Stephan Bridge Road

## HONORS

### Michigan State University

A total of 6,699 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 2000. Students from Michigan numbered 6,149. Local students are Ryan Gaffke, Brooke Ginther, Natalie Kent, Brad Larm, Denise Malkowski and David Sabin.

### Michigan Tech University

A total of 876 students achieved placement on the fall semester Dean's List at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Local student on the Dean's List was Michael Peter Latusek a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for your week ahead: If you thing you can, or if you think you can't... you're right!

Our Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday. Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for, however, walk-ins are more than welcome.

The menu is listed Lunch/Dinner.

Feb. 2 - Happy Ground Hog's Day - Beef Stew/no dinner; at 1:00 there is Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy.

Feb. 4 - Sunday Brunch with blueberry pancakes as the main entree, and all of this happens from 10 to 1.

Feb. 5 - Pork chops/Fish fillets; ATTENTION: at 10 o'clock every Monday, Elouise is holding a Gripes and Gab Club. Coffee and doughnuts, even! Come on in and see what it is all about. You know how people like to chit chat and gab, well here's your chance. Of course during the rest of the day is the usual - 12:00 Stag Cards and at 1, the Bridge Club and at 5:30 - Hangman.

Feb. 6 - Chopped sirloin/ Stuffed turkey; Euchre Club at 1.

Feb. 7 - BBQ pork/ Chicken and biscuits; Commodities at the Eagles from 9:30 to 10:30; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercises and Line Dancing at 10 and 11; Alzheimer's Seminar at 12:15; Stag cards at 12:30; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30.

Feb. 8 - Stuffed hain/ Roast beef; Blood pressures and Blood sugars taken 11 to noon; Taxes, by appointment done from 10 to 2; Pinochle Club at 1 and Cardo at 5:30.

Thought to leave you with: Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what they did, but rather for the things they did not do. Try to remedy this in your life!

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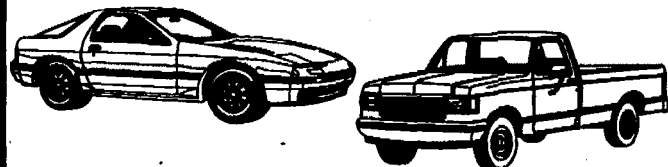
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School counselor Clyde Holzbauer began arranging "cuts for kids" several years ago.

Students who are interested in a new look contact Holzbauer and, after parental permission is given, a drawing takes place to select the winners. The cuts are given right at school and the positive feedback from students and staff is immediate.

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Providing the new looks for the kids were Val Walker, Becky Frankowski, and Wanda Warren of Northern Expressions.



Photo courtesy of Grayling Elementary School

The sounds of clippers and scissors filled the air at Grayling Elementary School on January 15 when 24 lucky students received free hair "make-overs" arranged by school counselor Clyde Holzbauer and courtesy of the professionals from Northern Expressions.

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## Two doctors join Mercy health center staff

Mercy Hospital Grayling administration recently announced that Jacques-Brett Burgess, M.D., M.P.H. and David R. Hunter, M.D. have joined their medical staff.

David R. Hunter, M.D. specializes in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics receiving his medical training through Michigan State University. He is Chief Resident of a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatric residency at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Dr. Hunter achieved a Master of Science Degree in Analytical Chemistry from Governors State University in Illinois and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Medical Technology from Illinois State University. Dr. Hunter has achieved many honors through his

medical education. He has been involved in research and in clinical teaching through Michigan State University.

Dr. Hunter is not new to our area. He currently has family living in the area and has worked previously as an instructor at Kirtland Community College and as a medical technologist at Mercy. Dr. Burgess received his medical degree from the College of Human Medicine of Michigan State University in 1997 and is currently Chief Resident of a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatric Medical Residency through Hurley Medical Center in Flint. He has also completed a Master's in Public Health degree through the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and a

Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Wayne State University. Dr. Burgess received a Family Practice Award as "Resident of the Year" in 1999, and has been involved in research and teaching through Michigan State University.

"Dr. Hunter and I have been friends and partners through our entire medical training and we intend to continue that cooperative effort to provide quality care for the people of the Roscommon County Community", stated Dr. Burgess.

"Mercy Hospital and the communities it serves are very fortunate to have Drs. Hunter and Burgess moving to our area to begin medical practices. They will bring additional medical expertise to the Mercy

Community Center - Prudenville. We are looking forward to working with them", stated Stephanie Riemer Matuzak, CEO, Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Drs. Burgess and Hunter currently treat patients at the Mercy Community Health Center - Prudenville during weekend hours. They will become full time physicians at the Mercy site as they establish their medical practices in July 2001.

The Mercy Community Health Center is open seven days a week, including holidays. Same day appointments are available Monday through Friday, and walk in care is available on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, you may contact the Mercy Community Health Center Prudenville at (517) 366-2900.

## GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### ARCH PAIN

While heel pain is a common symptom of plantar fasciitis (inflammation of the tendon running from the heel bone to the base of the toes), the condition can also cause arch pain. When the fascia suffers repetitive, contact strain, heel and arch pain can be the result. Patients often feel a burning in the sole of the foot, with increased pain when standing on tiptoe. The area may be tender to the touch. Arch pain can be caused by a person's exercise program. Runners who increase their mileage quickly or train on steep hills may experience arch pain. Ill-fitting or inappropriate shoes for a particular activity - wearing basketball shoes to go running, for example - can contribute to the condition. Pain is often the first sign of a foot

problem, but pain doesn't always reveal the cause of the condition. The best way to determine the exact cause, location, and seriousness of foot pain is to have a podiatric evaluation including medical history, examination, and tests. And, at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, complete instructions for follow-up care and prevention are also an integral part of any treatment plan. Call 922-9100 & 800-968-7440 for an appointment. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. P.S. Obesity, arthritis, and poor biomechanics can also cause arch pain.

## Local business earns environmental award

Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Area Council, Inc. announced early last week recipients of the 2000 O.B. Eustis Environmental Awards.

AJD Forest Products of Grayling earned the honor in the Business Category.

AJD was selected for its material contributions to several conservation projects in northern Michigan, as well as its work on the Michigan Sustainable Forest Initiative. AJD's efforts to develop viable wood waste recovery and use of good forestry management practices, while expanding the number of jobs being created, makes the company a good

model for stewardship.

The purpose of the award is to recognize environmental excellence in northeast Michigan. The award program began in 1995 and was named for O.B. Eustis whose career in northern Michigan was exemplary in balancing economic and environmental issues.

Through a \$1,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, each award winner will be able to select an environmental project.

Each of the three projects selected will receive \$500 from the Community Foundation.

In the Individual Category, Vernie Nethercut of Alpena is recognized

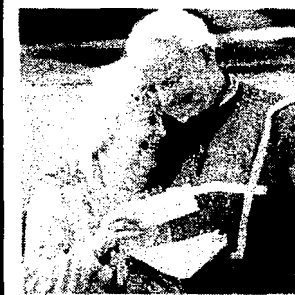
for her work with the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary and The Lake Avalon Property Owners Association earned the honors in the Organization Category for becoming a model of cooperation between citizens and local government to improve lake water quality.

Nominees came from an 11-county northeast Michigan region and were judged by a committee of seven people from around the region, including representatives from NEMCOG, Huron Pines, and the Eustis family.

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# Controlled Burn Seminar announced

The English Department of Kirtland Community College has announced the line-up and dates for its annual *Controlled Burn Seminar* for Young Writers. The seminar, a week-long program for student writers aged 15 - 20, provides an intensive education in the craft of writing poetry and fiction on the shores of beautiful Higgins Lake. Past keynote writers have included fiction writers Charles Baxter and Brenda Flanagan, and poets Thomas Lux and Lola Haskins.

Now in its fourth year, the seminar which will run from July 1 - 8, provides an opportunity for students to study with noted authors and to produce high calibre writing of their own. The 2001 faculty includes poets Terrance Hayes whose first book, *Muscular Music*, received a Kate Tufts Discovery Award and a

Whiting Award; Mary Ann Samryn, author of *Rooms by the Sea* (1994 Wick Prize in Poetry), *Captivity Narrative* (1999 Ohio State University Press/ The Journal Award) and the forthcoming *Inside the Yellow Dress*; and Gerry LaFemina, author of *23 Below*, *The City of Jazz*, *Pink and Shattered Hours: Poems 1988-94*; and fiction writer Peter Markus, author of *Still Lives with Whiskey Bottle*, and Irish fiction writer Jennifer C. Cornell, whose collection of stories, *Departures*, won the 1994 Drue Heinz Award in Fiction. Says director LaFemina: "This is the best faculty we've had to date, they're a diverse group of writers with a solid body of work and an excellent record of teaching. We have some returning faculty (Samryn and Markus have taught at the seminar since its inception) and some new faculty."

Students spend a great deal of time with their teachers - the seminar classes are small, intensive workshops 4 - 5 hours each day. Students also spend time in individual conferences with their teacher several times during the week.

Students not only receive a lot of

attention from faculty members, but they also have access to the renowned keynote speakers.

This year the seminar kicks off with Penn State University Professor Dinty W. Moore, author of two books of creative non-fiction: *The Emperor's Virtual Clothes: The Truth about the Internet Culture* (one of the first books about the Internet) and *The Accidental Buddhist* as well as a collection of stories, *Toothpick Men*. Moore's opening night reading is only the beginning of great literary highlights.

On Friday, July 6, Michigan writer Janet Kauffman will appear at the Seminar. Kauffman is the author of books of poems, several story collections including *Places in the World a Woman Can Walk* and *Obscene Gestures for Women*, and three novels: *Collaborators*, *The Body in Four Parts*, and *Characters on the Loose*.

Kauffman is followed on Saturday night by noted poet Bruce Weigl. Weigl's ten books of poems include *Sweet Lorraine*, *What Saves Us* and *After the Others*, and his memoir, *The Circle of Hanh*, is a powerful story of his experiences

surviving Vietnam. Keynote authors do public readings, perform question - and - answer sessions, and often spend time in informal sessions with the students.

Although the educational experience is intensive, the student social experience is also stressed. Time for writing and socializing is guaranteed, and it isn't unusual to see students at the beach or by the bonfire talking about their work. Often students return for several years, and according to one of those returning students, "The most important thing about the seminar was the super-close learning environment and one-on-one teaching. This was the most amazing week of my life."

Students attending the conference receive three (3) credits through Kirtland. Workshop and rooms are provided at the MacMullan Conference Center, including a small computer lab for word processing.

For more information regarding the program, contact the seminar's director, Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-5000 Ext. 376 or visit its web site at:

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## Rehabilitation group achieves accreditation

Northern Management Services, Ltd. has been informed by CARF... The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission, that it has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Living Services Programs.

This accreditation outcome is awarded to organizations that show

substantial fulfillment of the standards established by CARF and clearly indicate that present conditions represent an established pattern of total operations that is likely to be maintained and/or improved in the foreseeable future.

A three-year accreditation is the longest awarded by CARF, an international accreditation body.

According to Donald E. Galvin Ph.D. President and CEO of CARF, "Northern Management Services, has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable."

Northern Management Services,

Ltd. is a nonprofit organization with offices in Gaylord. It has been providing Residential Services to people with Developmental Disabilities since 1991. They currently provide services to people in Gaylord, Cheboygan and Grayling.

CARF, a private not-for-profit, Tucson-based accreditation body established in 1966, is committed to promoting the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

For additional information contact Bruce Fasel at Northern Management Services, Ltd. at (517) 732-6374.

## Earn CPR re-certification or stop smoking with help from health education center

Two classes begin next week, sponsored by the Community Health Education Center in Petoskey: CPR Re-certification and Freedom from Smoking.

Allied EMS will offer an American Red Cross re-certification class for people who are currently certified or for those whose certification has expired within the last six months. The class will be held February 7, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center (360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey). There is a \$12 fee for the class.

Freedom from Smoking will be offered again this winter. Sessions will be held Mondays and

Wednesdays, February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 26 and March 5 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Health Education Center at the address listed previously.

The sessions are structured to offer group support during quit-smoking efforts. "Freedom from Smoking" is a program that was developed by the American Lung Association to provide information on physical and psychological addictions, relaxation techniques, nicotine patches, and weight management tips. There is no fee for this program.

For more information about either course or to register, call Health Access at 1-800-248-6777.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library  
Cabin Fever is back at the Crawford County Libraries includ-

ing Beaver Creek Township Library, Frederic Community Library and Lovells Township Library. When you stop in at any of Crawford County Branch Libraries you can pick up a special treat.

Starting the week of February 5, you will receive a certificate for a Whopper combo from Burger King, second week a Kid's meal from Burger King, third week french fries from Burger King, fourth week a Personal Pan Pizza and fifth week a Blockbuster favorites movie rental.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

"Story time with Bea and Sandy" will start Saturday February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 11 a.m. at the Frederic Community Library. Beat the February blahs with a story and a craft project.

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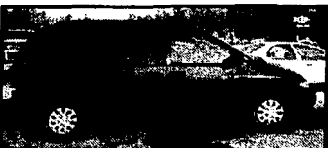
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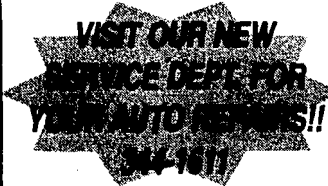
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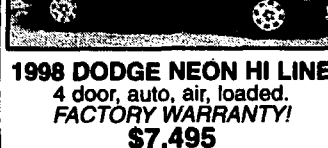
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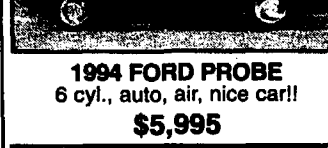
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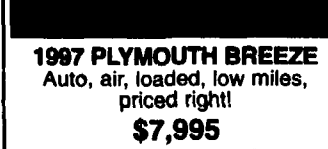
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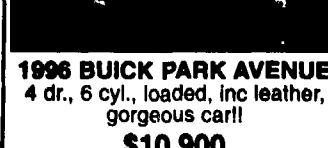
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# EDITOR

## Former shelter worker knows how Dixie felt

To the editor,

Attention Animal Lovers:  
To those of you who have pets  
that bring joy and comfort to you,  
please read on.

I was at the animal shelter the day  
the shelter board had Dixie  
removed. I was doing volunteer  
work as I have done in the past.  
Since that time, I was asked by the  
board to continue on and help make  
the transition smooth. Because of  
my love for animals I stayed.

I was not on either the side of the  
board or Dixie at the time. In fact, I  
applied for the position of director in  
December because I believed Dixie  
was serious about her resignation. I  
was interviewed by Ward Park, Dr.  
Paul Mesack and Sandy Crandall in  
the conference room of the Grayling  
Hospital for Animals. I was offered  
the job, but I later called back to say  
I could not euthanize an animal.

So, the first few weeks I served as  
a volunteer and things went well.

Many board members came to work  
— cleaning, painting and helping  
with the animals. I was happy that  
everything was going well, but can  
now say that I have never done such  
hard work in my life.

In two weeks, I lost over 11  
pounds from climbing over snow  
banks, hauling food and water to all  
the dogs after letting them out,  
scrubbing the pens and working  
with an overwhelming amount of  
animals. For the first time, I realized  
how Dixie felt. She did the work of  
four people every day. That's why  
she was so frustrated with the board.  
She asked for help so many times,  
with no response.

I was offered the director's job  
again by Ward, accepted it, but then  
decided to let another shelter worker  
have the full time paid position and I  
took her part time paid position,  
because she needed the hours. I was  
supplied with a W-2 form, but have  
not filled it out and I have not  
received or asked for any pay.

The only problem I see at the shelter  
now is that the animal care is  
nowhere that of Dixie's. In three  
weeks time, we lost a sick kitten, a  
beautiful golden retriever puppy and  
other animals started to get sick. It  
was then I realized we needed Dixie  
back more than ever. She was able  
to help animals in a way none of us  
can.

I no longer work at the shelter. As  
of late last week, I quit (I was not

"let go"), because I went in to work  
on Thursday and when I let the dogs  
outside, I came to a pen full of  
blood. Another shelter worker  
remarked the dog must have been in  
heat. I know she was wrong because  
there was too much blood.

After I took the dog outside, I  
found that it was male. He was  
bleeding from the rectum. I asked  
Joe Porter, who was walking by with  
one of the other dogs, if I could take  
the dog to the vet because it was  
really sick. He replied the dog was  
resting in his house, as it should, to  
heal itself. I was very upset because  
I knew the dog needed help. Dixie  
would have never let the situation  
get this bad. She would have recog-  
nized the dog's symptoms days  
before.

I went home, only to return 20  
minutes later because I could not  
leave the dog bleeding all over in the  
snow and not take him to the vet.  
When I returned, I found Ward  
Parker running things at the shelter.  
I asked where the dog was and she  
said a shelter worker had taken the  
dog to the vet.

I believe the dog was taken to the  
vet because they were worried, as  
they had said earlier that day, that  
Cheryll Ruley, who had come to  
take pet photos for the paper that  
morning, saw the blood on her way  
out of the shelter grounds and had  
reported it to a shelter worker by  
telephone. I believe they were wor-

ried because the animal was serious-  
ly ill and they may have been  
neglectful.

On another occasion, a dog was  
brought to the shelter that I believe  
has mange or some sort of skin dis-  
ease. To this day, the animal has not  
had a skin scraping done or been  
examined by a vet. Correct me if I  
am wrong, but certain types of  
mange are highly contagious and  
possibly fatal.

So many rumors are floating  
around about broken glass being fed  
to the dog that was sick or that a  
"friend of Dixie's" brought in the  
previously mentioned sick dog to  
infect the other animals, or that  
workers like myself are "spies" for  
Dixie. What type of people think  
like that?

Those of you that know me, know  
that I care a lot about the shelter and  
that it would take a lot to make me  
quit. But, I can honestly say that I  
will not go back until Dixie is the  
director once again. It would be  
nice if the shelter board would work  
as hard for her as they are now.

Dixie is the only one who truly  
knows animals. It is my belief that  
many more animals may become  
sick without her wisdom. The cur-  
rent shelter workers do not have the  
knowledge Dixie possesses. Please,  
we need Dixie back.

Louise Tournaud  
Grayling

## Animal shelter board member gives update

To the editor,

In light of the negative remarks  
the animal shelter the past two  
months, I would like to highlight  
some positive activities happening  
at the shelter in the past month, as  
well as update the community on  
shelter operations.

Because of work by volunteers,  
the shelter got a facelift. The office

has a new coat of paint, an answer-  
ing machine was installed, and many  
fences and cages were repaired.  
Volunteers have worked faithfully to  
feed animals, clean cages and plow  
snow. We have hired a part-time  
staff person to help coordinate vol-  
unteers, handle adoptions and care  
for the animals. She is very friendly  
and enthusiastic and is a welcome  
member to the animal shelter team.

When the board took over shelter  
operations a month ago, the facility  
housed 55 animals. During the past  
three weeks, we have adopted out 17  
animals and have taken in 12 ani-  
mals. Sadly, this past week we had  
to euthanize two sick animals. Upon  
examination, it was recommended by  
a veterinarian the animals be put  
down.

We also faced some concern with  
a suspected case of parvo virus. A  
dog recognized to be ill Thursday  
morning, was taken to the Grayling  
Hospital for Animals for an exami-  
nation. We were informed the dog  
may have parvo, although the case  
was unconfirmed and it could be  
another type of viral infection or  
internal parasite. The dog is current-  
ly being nursed at the shelter per vet-  
erinerian recommendations. Not  
wanting to risk spread of the disease,  
under guidance from the animal hos-  
pital, all shelter animals needing a  
parvo vaccination received one that  
afternoon.

People have given donations of  
time, money, pet food and other  
items over the past weeks. The shel-  
ter could not have kept running  
without every one of you. The  
Grayling Hospital for Animals has  
also provided their support and  
advice.

Please don't assume we no longer  
need volunteers. Volunteers are cru-  
cial for shelter operations — to walk  
dogs, care for animals, or assist with  
fund raising efforts. Anyone inter-  
ested in volunteering can contact the  
shelter at 348-4117. We can also  
always use donations of pet food,  
dog biscuits, blankets and towels,  
and — of course — money. We  
encourage you to visit the shelter to  
consider adopting an animal or to  
see if you would like to volunteer.

Suggestions for improvements are  
always welcome. They can be pre-  
sented to our shelter employee or  
any board member. People are wel-  
come to present ideas at the monthly  
board meeting. Typically, board  
meetings are held the first  
Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at  
the Grayling Township Hall. If the  
hall is unavailable, we meet at an  
alternate location. If someone  
would like to attend a meeting, we  
encourage them to contact a board  
member in advance to confirm the  
location.

We are striving to continue mak-  
ing the animal shelter a facility this  
community is proud of. Any help  
doing that is appreciated.

Susan Thiel  
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GHS volleyball 4B

## VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM

# Vikings place well at weekend tourneys

## Team splits into upper, lower classmen for separate meets

► Four Grayling wrestlers enough to finish 10th out of 23 teams at Gaylord

The Grayling High School wrestling team split into JV and varsity factions for separate tournaments this past Saturday, at which the Vikings were very successful.

The four juniors and seniors from the GHS wrestling team competed against 22 other schools from the area and the upper peninsula, including schools from as far away as Gladstone, Escanaba, and Munising, in the Gaylord

Invitational Tournament. With only four wrestlers, the Vikings placed 10th out of 23 teams.

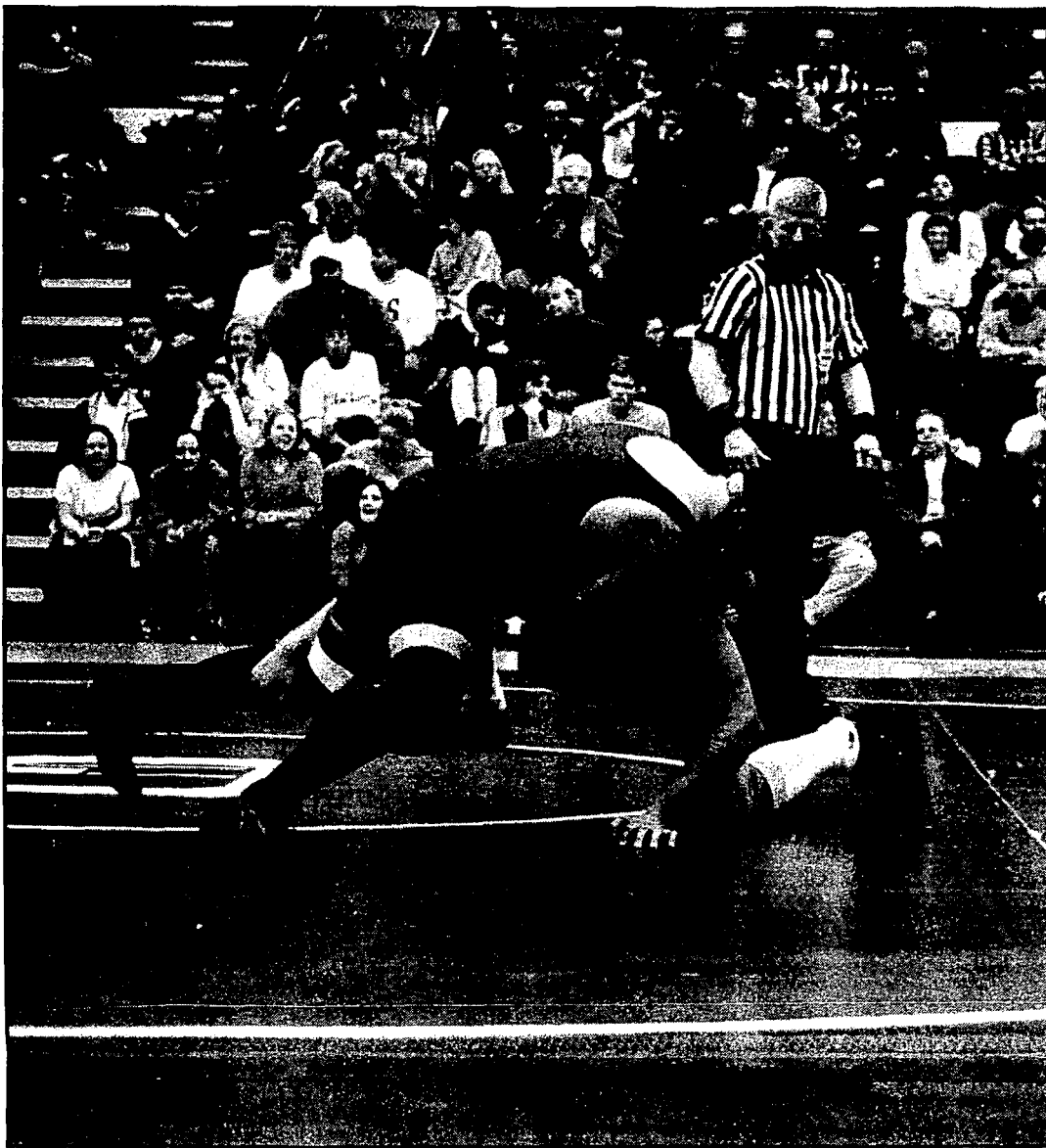
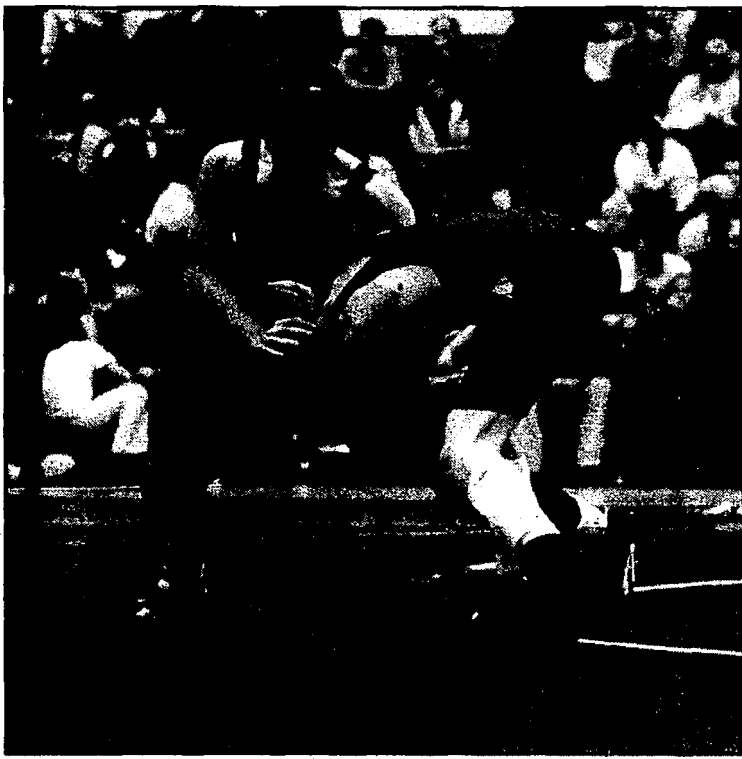
Victor CdeBaca (189) and Chris Peters (171) each took second place in their division. Alfred Borchers (215) finished in 7th, and Andy Palmer (125) took 8th place in his division.

The GHS freshmen took a weekend off from their varsity positions to compete in a 14-team JV tournament at Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday.

Eight Grayling freshmen made the trip to the U.P., and they all made a good showing.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Victor CdeBaca (189) wrestles with an opponent from West Branch Ogema Heights. CdeBaca won the match by decision 14-9. (Left) Freshman Brandon Pratt competes in the 152-pound division against Ogema. Pratt won by decision, 14-6.

# Ski team defeats Rosco, Farwell

► Boys, girls ski teams victorious over Roscommon, Farwell in Grayling

Grayling High School's ski teams continued their winning ways last Thursday at Hanson Hills with victories over conference opponents. Both the boys and girls GHS ski teams finished ahead of Farwell and Roscommon.

The girls competition was about as close as it could get, with Grayling defeating Roscommon 36-37 and Farwell 34-39.

The Roscommon girls had a three-point lead over Grayling after the slalom race, but the Vikings came back in giant slalom (GS). GHS beat Roscommon by four in GS to win the meet by a single point.

"The girls showed their improvement in both skiing and mental toughness coming back in the giant slalom," said Coach Mike Wieland. "It was a good race for all our girls."

The GHS girls were tied with Farwell after slalom, and their win by five points in GS was the difference.

Grayling's top (female) skier was Andria Alvarez, who placed 2nd in slalom and 1st in GS against Roscommon and 2nd in both races against Farwell. Kelly Jansen placed 4th in slalom and 2nd in GS

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See "SKI TEAM..."

# 8th grade 'green' team extends win streak to 6

► Vikings defeat Gaylord Blue Devils, Blazers of Kalkaska

With two wins last week, the GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team extended its current win streak to six games.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Gaylord Blue Devils at Gaylord by a final score of 35-23.

"The team played really hard. With (Jess) Bobenmoyer and (Ryan) Davis sick, the rest of the team picked up the defense," said Coach Craig Hofman. "Everyone had a positive influence on the game. They did not allow Gaylord to score in the second and third quarters."

Gib Tobin led the Vikings with 19 points. Josh Hinkle scored nine; Kyle Trudgeon added three; and Bobenmoyer and Davis each scored two points.

On Monday, the Vikings edged the Kalkaska Blazers in Grayling by a final score of 43-40.

"We won but did not play well defensively," said Coach Hofman. "We also had too many turnovers that allowed Kalkaska back in the game. We got into foul trouble

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See "8TH GRADE..."

## VARSITY/JV BOYS BASKETBALL

# Varsity team wins two more conference games

## GHS now tied for 2nd in NEMC

► Vikings to face Bay City John Glenn, Gladwin in next two matches

With league wins over Oscoda and Standish Sterling Central last week, the GHS varsity boys basketball team moved into a three-way tie for second place in the North East Michigan Conference with a 6-2 league record. Tawas (7-0 league, 11-0 overall) continues to hold the top spot in the NEMC.

On Tuesday, the Vikings won a close match at Oscoda, defeating the Owls by a final score of 57-53.

Grayling had a slim lead at half-time, 29-26. Oscoda outscored GHS 15-11 in the third period to take a 41-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, the Vikings got a boost from a 7-0 run, keyed by five points, two rebounds, and one steal by Dan Mead in a span of one minute.

The Vikings won the game by four points.

Brad Gorski posted a double-

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Photo by Caleb Casey

R.J. Schmidt handles the ball for the Vikings. Schmidt scored 12 points against Standish last Friday.

# Volleyball teams host Spartans of Pinconning

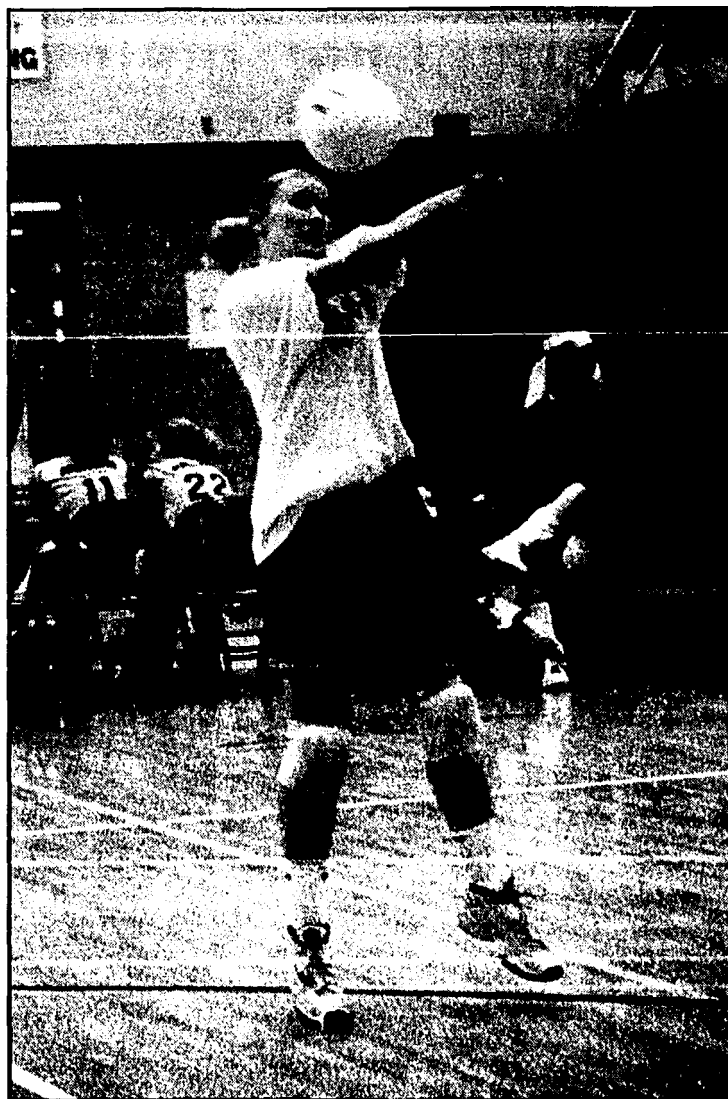


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Junior varsity volleyball player Ashley Bancroft hits the ball in last week's game against Pinconning. For more, see Page 4B.

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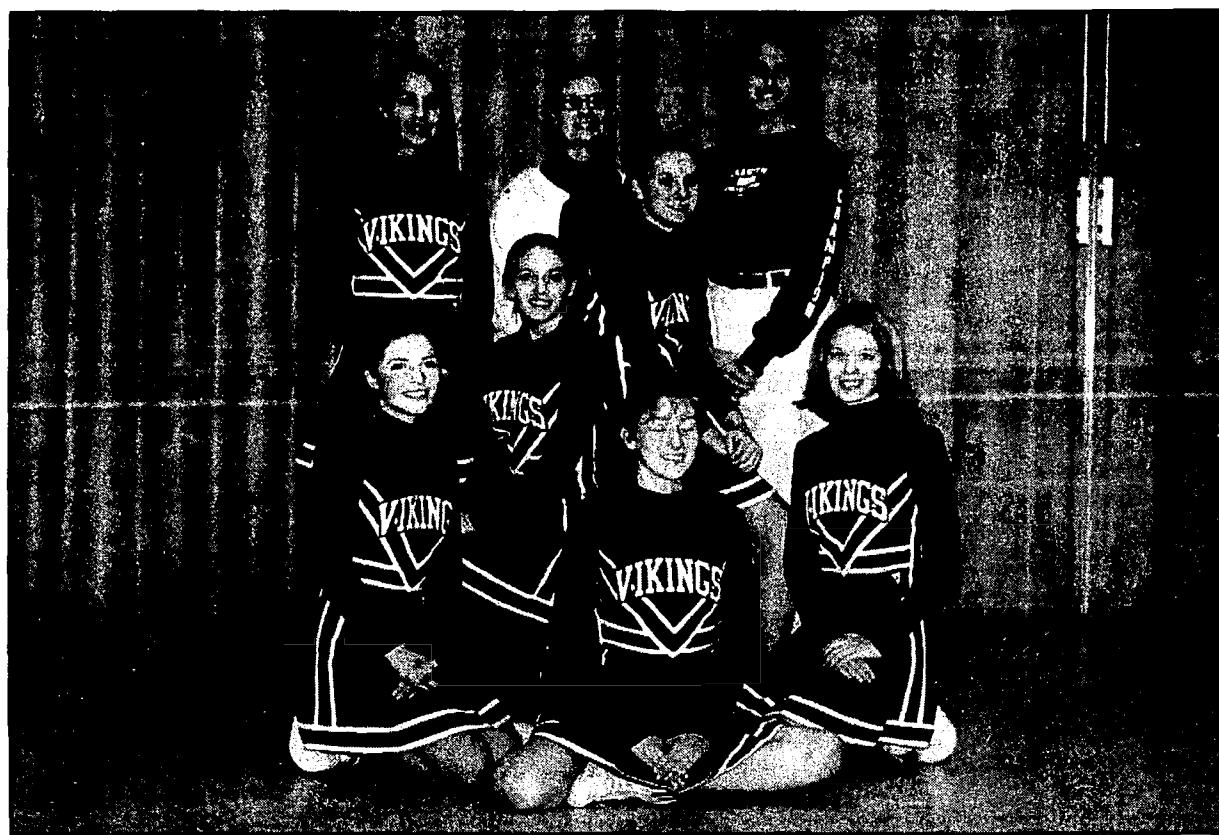
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## VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM



The Grayling High School 2000-2001 varsity cheer squad: (front, left to right) Penny Rosin, Ashley Beemer, Michele Belcher; (middle, left to right) Brianne Crowl, Shannon Terry; (back, left to right) Patti Martella, Assistant Coach Larissa Deemer, Coach Chris Burrell.

## JUNIOR VARSITY CHEER SQUAD

The Grayling High School 2000-2001 JV cheer team: (front, left to right) Nicole Doremire, Sheryl Zarnick; (middle, left to right) Emily Harvey, Molly Ferrigan, Naomi Yost, Kimberly McDaniel; (back) Coach Gail Belcher.



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## Free ski clinic held at Hanson Hills

For over 15 years, the Grayling Youth Booster Club, with help from parent volunteers, has funded the Hanson Hills Free Skiing Clinic Program, which provides local students with free rental equipment, tow, and ski instruction.

This year, 214 third, fourth, and fifth grade students from Grayling and Frederic Elementary schools had the opportunity to learn to ski free at Hanson Hills.

For five weeks, the students, beginners to intermediate level skiers, were transported to Hanson Hills after school on a school bus for the free ski lessons.

"Without funding through the Grayling Youth Booster Club, some of these students might not have had an opportunity to try skiing," said Cindy Olson, Grayling Recreation Authority Director at Hanson Hills.



Photo by Linda Goinick

Local students take part in the Booster Club/Hanson Hills Free Ski Clinic.

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# Varsity team wins two league games

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double with 17 points and 10 assists. Levi Burkett scored 13 points. Marcus Bobenmoyer, Marcus Marelich, Mead, R.J. Schmidt, and Nick D'Amour also scored points for Grayling in the contest. Mead was the leading rebounder for the Vikings with six.

Oscoda won the JV game by a final score of 49-40. Grayling led 19-18 at halftime, but the Owls came back to win it.

"We started out slow, then picked up tempo and led at half," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We played pretty well, but just couldn't maintain the lead."

Adam Kaiser led the Vikings with 18 points. Jessie Gildner (6), Roy Czapek (5), Chris Wakeley (4), Brett Mead (4), Joe Zelek (2), and Greg Morrill (1) also scored for the Vikings.

On Friday, the varsity squad defeated the Panthers of Standish Sterling by 17, 61-44.

Grayling led 27-25 at the half, then pulled away in the second half. The Vikings scored 18 points in the third quarter, while holding SSC to six, to take a 45-31 going into the fourth quarter. GHS outscored Standish 16-13 in the fourth period to seal the win.

"Our kids played very well in the second half," said Coach Rich

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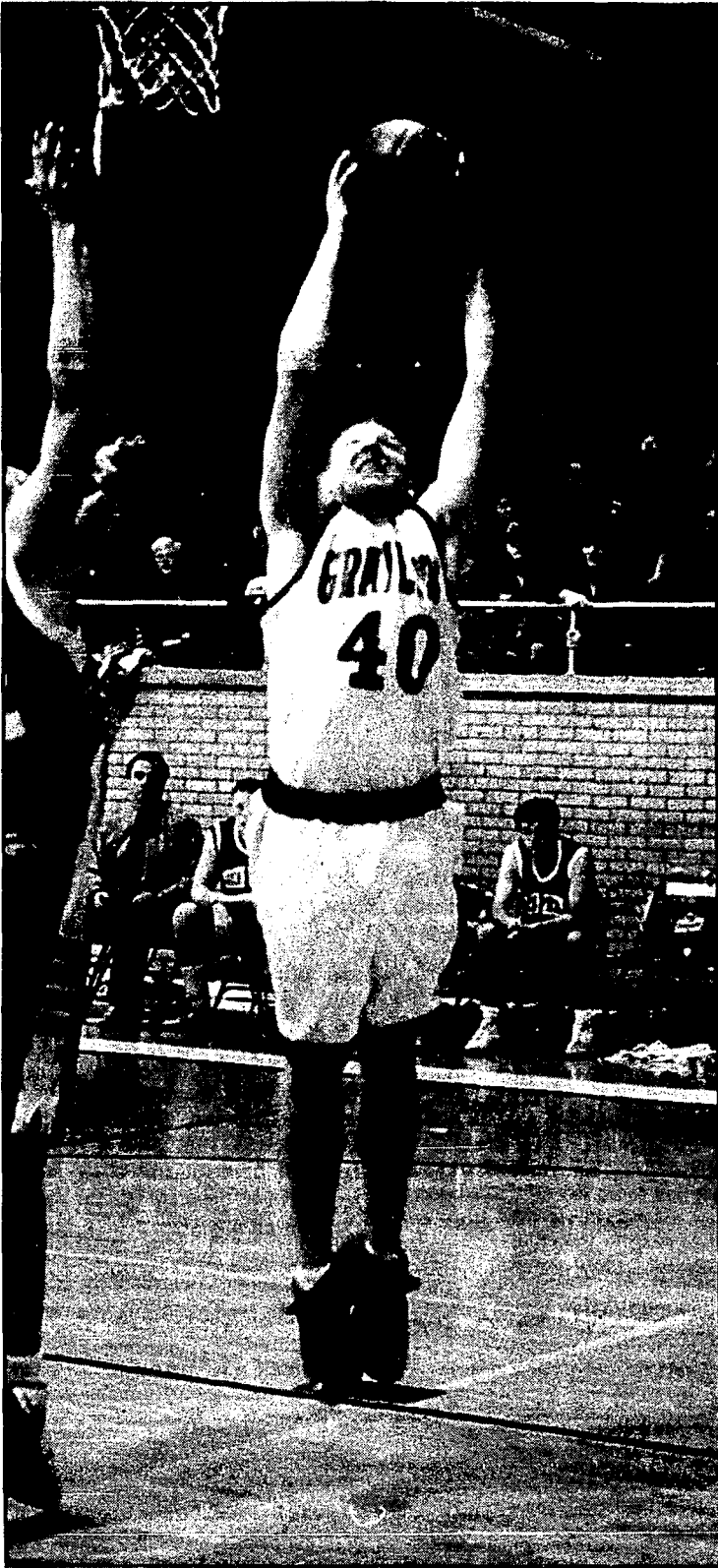
team	league	overall
Tawas	7-0	11-0
Gladwin	6-2	7-4
GRAYLING	6-2	7-4
Ogemaw Heights	6-2	6-5
BC John Glenn	3-4	5-6
Standish Sterling	2-6	3-8
Oscoda	1-7	2-10
Pinconning	0-8	2-10

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Moffit. "Defensively, we received contributions from a number of kids. Offensively, we had great ball movement and played well as a team."

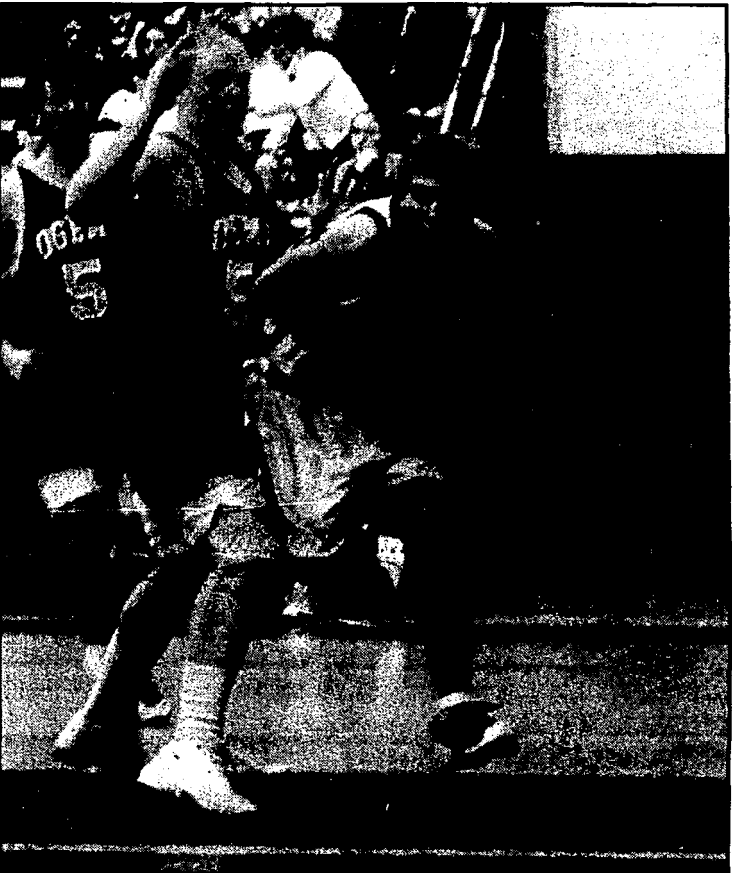
Burkett was the scoring leader for Grayling with 18 points. Bobenmoyer and Schmidt each scored 12. Gorski posted another double-double with 10 points and 10 assists. Mead and Dave Golnick were the GHS rebounding leaders with six boards apiece. Golnick and Marelich each finished with three steals.

On Friday, February 2, the Vikings will play at Bay City John Glenn. On Friday, February 9, Grayling will host Gladwin. The JV game starts at 6:15 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Dave Golnick goes up for a rebound.



Marcus Marelich drives the baseline.

#### GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Oscoda 1/23

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	5/7	1/2	4/5	10	3	11	3	2	-	17
Burkett	6/14	0/2	1/4	3	3	-	1	5	-	13
Marelich	2/5	-	2/6	-	2	-	-	-	-	6
Bobenmoyer	4/7	0/3	-	2	1	2	1	2	3	8
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	0/1	-	-	1	4	3	-	-	-	-
Mead	2/3	-	1/2	-	6	2	3	-	2	5
Mahaffy	0/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	2/5	0/1	-	1	3	-	-	1	1	4
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	-
D'Amour	0/2	1/3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Latusek	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	21/49	2/11	8/17	19	26	20	9	4	16	56

KEY: 2 pt.=two point shots/attempt 3 pt.=three point shots/attempt f.t.=free throw/attempt asst.=assists  
rebs.=rebounds tips=tips stls.=steals t.o.=turnovers blks.=blocks pts.=points (total)

#### GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Standish 1/26

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	3/5	-	4/4	10	7	11	-	2	-	10
Burkett	7/15	1/2	1/2	2	3	1	1	1	-	18
Marelich	0/3	-	3/4	-	2	4	1	-	-	3
Bobenmoyer	4/9	1/4	1/1	2	2	1	1	-	1	12
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	-	-	-	1	2	6	2	1	-	-
Mead	0/1	-	2/2	3	-	-	1	1	-	2
Mahaffy	1/1	0/1	2/2	2	2	2	-	-	-	4
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	4/6	1/1	1/1	1	2	2	-	1	-	12
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	1/2	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	2
Latusek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20/42	3/8	12/14	23	20	29	7	8	1	61

KEY: 2 pt.=two point shots/attempt 3 pt.=three point shots/attempt f.t.=free throw/attempt asst.=assists  
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## 8th grade 'green' team extends win streak to 6

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early and had some solid play off the bench from James Haven and Travis Brush."

Tobin was the scoring leader for GMS with 19 points. Hinkle finished with nine; Davis scored eight; and Strohpaal and Brush each had two points.

In February, the middle school team will participate in tournament play.

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## Strong Pinconning team too much for GHS

### ► Varsity, JV, and freshman squads fall to visiting Spartans of Pinconning

The varsity, junior varsity, and freshman volleyball teams from Grayling High School all lost to Pinconning last Wednesday in Grayling.

The JV team lost to Pinconning's JV squad 15-2 in the first game. The Vikings rallied in game two, but lost a tough battle 15-13 to the visiting Spartans. The GHS freshman team also lost a best-of-three series 2-0.

The two varsity squads then took the floor for a conference match-up. The Vikings lost to a strong Pinconning Spartans team in two games.

In game one, Pinny went on an eight-point run to lead 8-0 early. A spike by Arica Wolcott got the ball back for Grayling. With Emily Fox serving, the Vikings scored three points, including one on a nice block up front by Wolcott.

Pinconning took over from there. The Vikings fought off some solid shots by Pinconning and held their own in a few good volleys, but Pinny scored the next seven points on five separate serving chances to win the match 15-3.

Grayling did not serve well in the second game, and Pinconning shut the Vikings down 15-0 to take the series 2-0.

For Grayling, Arica Wolcott had 1 block, 2 kills, and 1 dig; Ashley Wolcott finished with 1 kill and 3 digs; Kristy Hulbert had 3 assists; and Fox posted 5 digs and a 5/5 performance at the server spot.

"Everyone knows that Pinconning has a great program, because they work hard at it," said Coach Angie Golnick. "Our team is working on setting goals and working toward them. We're trying to focus on the positive and what we can do."

"Success is coming in small steps for us," said Coach Golnick. "Serving has been inconsistent. We need to put the ball in play and score the points. We need to believe that we are winners. We have the talent, but we need to find the team."

The varsity Vikings are now 2-2 in league meets this season.

On Thursday, February 8, the varsity team will play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights. On Saturday, February 10, Grayling will host the Subway Invitational Tournament beginning at 9 a.m.

The junior varsity and freshman teams will host Standish Sterling Central on Monday, February 5, at 6:15 p.m.



Arica Wolcott (varsity) serves for Grayling.

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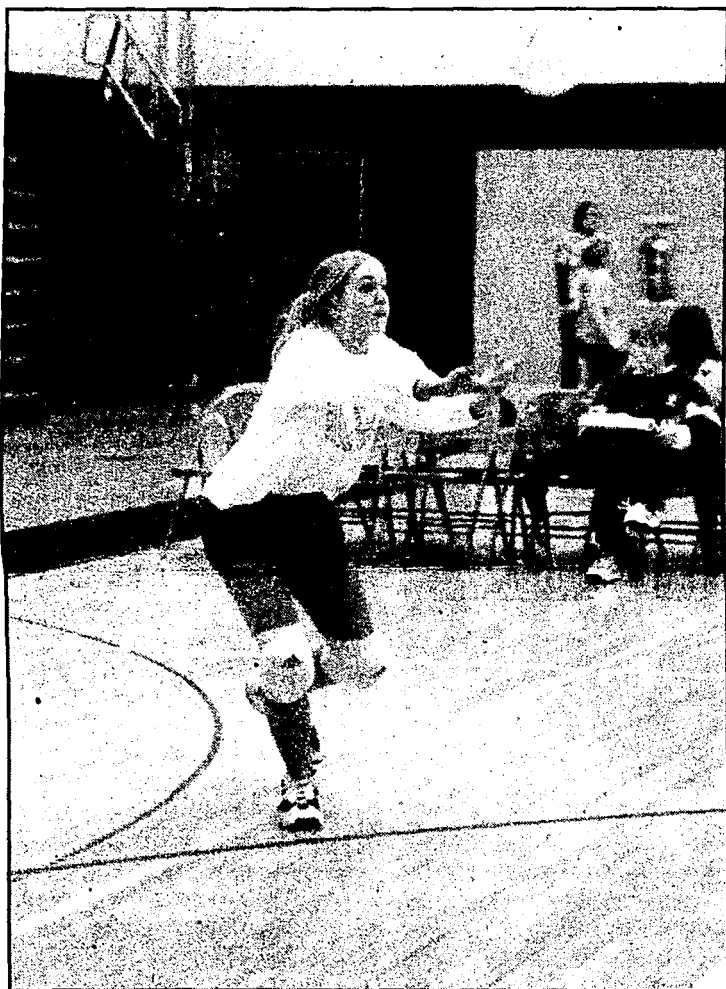
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Lori Ellis (JV) puts the ball up in the Pinconning game.



Amanda Felver (freshman) handles a Pinconning serve.

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Janelle Gregorich (JV) handles a serve for the Vikings.

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Danielle Beckwith (JV) sets the ball at the net in the match against Pinconning.



# Vikings place well at tourneys

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Six of the eight Vikings earned a 1st place medal: Adam Malone (112); Mike Gassman (119); Darryl Babbitt (140); Dusty Partello (145); Brandon Pratt (152); and Aaron Rosecrans (189).

Tom Barnett (125) placed 3rd, and Jessie Mooneyham (140) took 4th.

"They made an excellent showing at Sault Ste. Marie," said Coach Don Ferguson.

On Thursday, the Vikings hosted a double dual meet with Roscommon and West Branch Ogemaw Heights. Roscommon defeated both West Branch and Grayling to win the meet.

Roscommon and Ogemaw Heights, two evenly matched squads, battled first. The Bucks pulled away in the last couple weight classes to win 39-28.

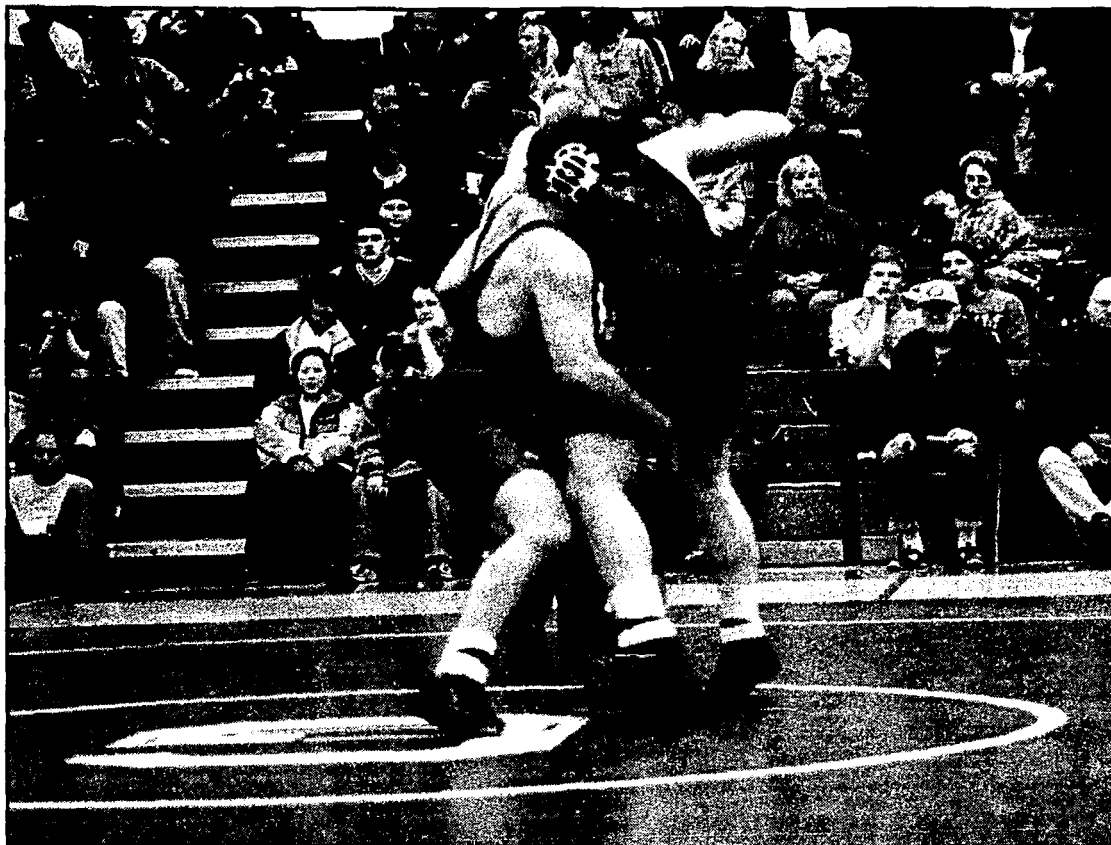
The Vikings then faced the Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights. Grayling posted a 4-8 record in contested races, and had to forfeit two weight classes in a 60-14 loss to Ogemaw.

Winning matches for Grayling were: Malone (112), 6-2 decision; Babbitt (140), 8-0 decision; Pratt (152), 14-6 decision; CdeBaca (189), 14-9 decision.

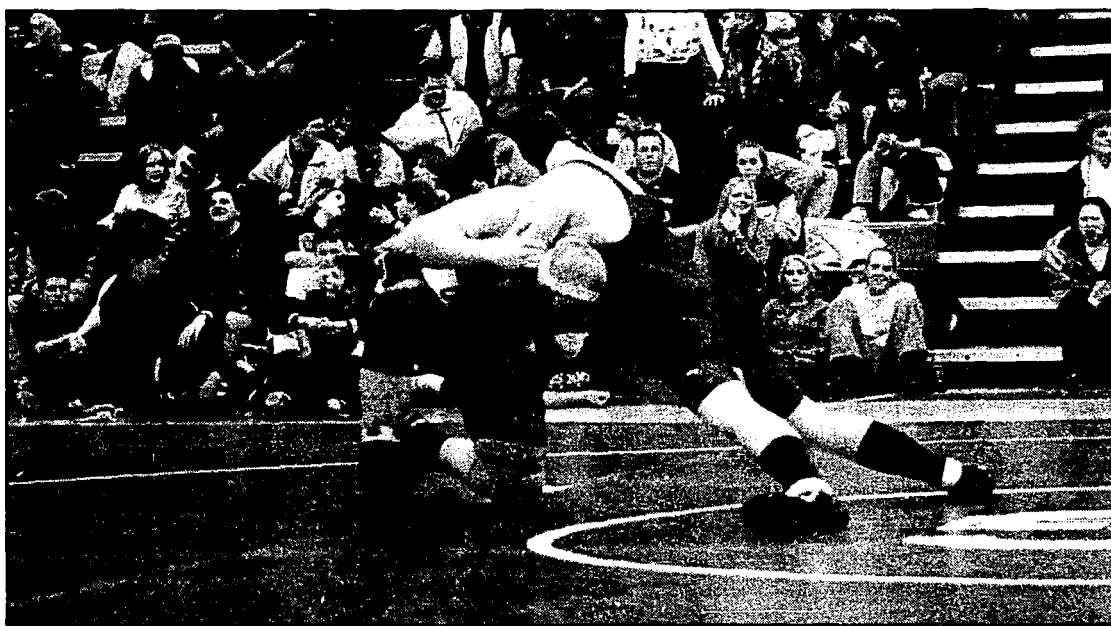
The Vikings fared better against Roscommon, but lost by a final score of 49-25. The Vikes were 5-7 in contested matches against the Bucks. Grayling again had to forfeit two weight classes.

Match winners for Grayling included: Palmer (130), pin with 1:38/2:00 left in the first round; Babbitt (140), 13-3 decision; Pratt (152), 12-9 decision; Peters (171), pin with 1:34/2:00 left in round one; CdeBaca (189), pin with 0:52/2:00 left in the first round.

On Thursday, February 1, the Vikings will host Houghton Lake and Tawas at 6 p.m. On Saturday, February 3, Grayling will compete at Gladwin.

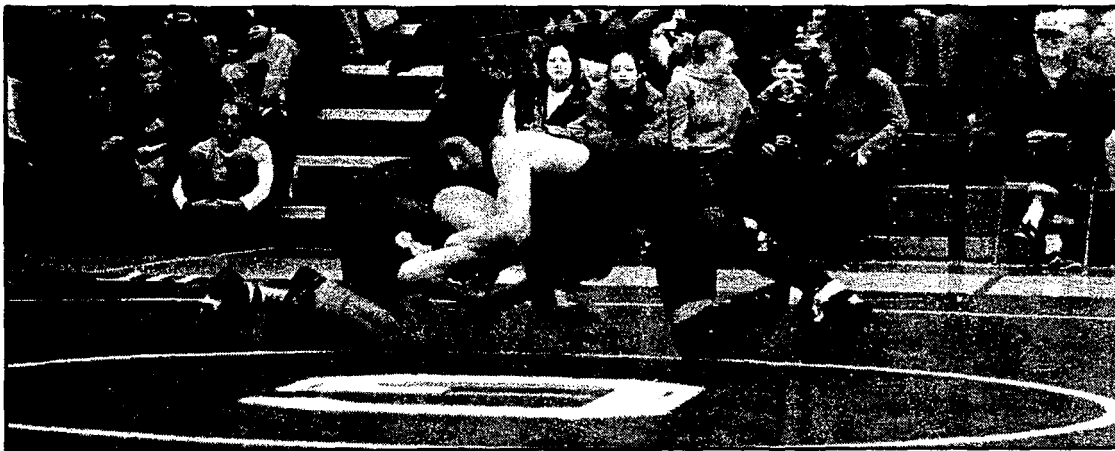


Chris Peters (171) wrestles with an opponent from West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Aaron Rosecrans puts his weight down on his West Branch opponent during a match in Grayling last week. (Left) Adam Malone competes in the 112-pound division.



(Below) Andy Palmer (130) grapples with his Ogemaw Heights counterpart.



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#### Skiing

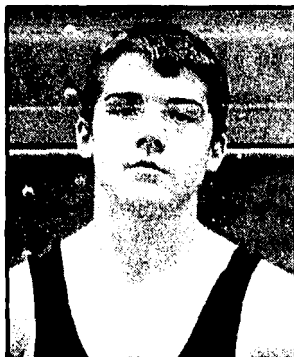
Coach: Mike Wieland

#### KEIL CLOUGH & HEATHER VANDECAR

Keil had three 4ths and  
one 5th place finish to  
help the Vikings win  
their 28th straight  
league victory. Heather  
had two 5ths, a 6th, and  
an 8th place finish last  
week in two meets the  
girls team won.

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#### Viking of the Week



#### Wrestling

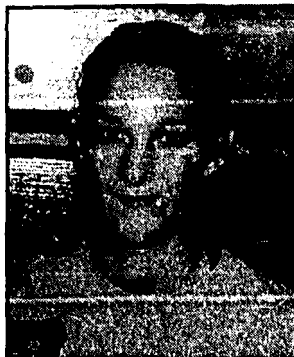
Coach: Don Ferguson

#### BRANDON PRATT

Brandon has only been on  
the roster for the past two  
weeks and won both match-  
es at home in a dual last  
Thursday. He also took 1st  
at the Sault Ste. Marie  
tournament on Saturday.

### Wendy's

#### Viking of the Week



#### Varsity Volleyball

Coach: Angie Golinick

#### LORI HINKLE

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'team.' Lori keeps  
the team's  
enthusiasm up  
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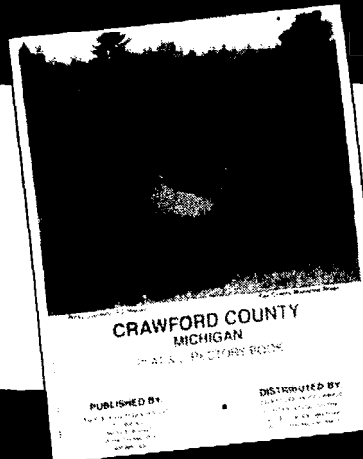
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## LEGAL ACTION

### MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Maple Forest Township Board is accepting resumes for appointment to the position of Township Treasurer to fill the vacancy for the term ending November 20, 2002. Resumes must be postmarked by Friday, February 9, 2001 and mailed to the Township Clerk, Susan Keene, 8802 N. Petersen Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 or dropped off at the township office by 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001. For additional information call 348-5794 or 348-9801.

Susan Keene, Clerk

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Grayling Township Meeting Room at 2090 Viking Way, on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m., to receive public comment on an ordinance regulating the uses of the Grayling Township "Fish Hatchery Nature Park," located on North Down River Road adjacent to the fish hatchery in Grayling Township. The official title of the ordinance is "Grayling Township Recreational Park Rules and Regulations," (Ordinance 2001-01).

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees will immediately follow the public hearing and it is expected the township board will take appropriate action on the ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance will be published in its entirety and will take effect immediately.

Copies of the ordinance text can be reviewed or obtained for review at the Grayling Township Offices: 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Monica S. Ashton  
 Grayling Township Clerk

# Ski team defeats Rosco, Farwell

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against RHS, and 4th and 3rd versus Farwell. Freshman Heather Vandecar placed 5th in slalom and 8th in GS against Roscommon, and 5th and 6th against Farwell. Lesley Gilbert finished 9th and 5th against Roscommon and 7th and 5th against Farwell. Shalee Cox placed 11th in GS versus Roscommon and 8th against Farwell. Cox lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified.

The GHS boys skied well as a team, and extended the boys squad's league winning streak to 28 meets.

For the GHS boys, the top skier against Roscommon was Matt Ginther with a 1st in slalom and GS. Paul Jansen took 2nd in both races. Keil Clough finished 4th in both races. Derek Quick was 3rd in slalom and 7th in GS. Ben McNally was 7th in both

races. Eric Hunter took 5th in GS and Eric Hunter was 8th in slalom.

"The boys took the first four places in slalom and six of the first seven spots in giant slalom to defeat Roscommon 22-60. They share the training at Hanson and have a good, friendly relationship with the boys from Roscommon, but they wanted to establish who the top racers on the hill are."

Against Farwell, Ginther was 2nd in slalom and 1st in GS. Jansen was 3rd and 2nd. Clough was 5th and 4th. Quick was 4th and 8th. McNally was 7th in both. Hunter was 5th in GS with Hart 9th in slalom.

On Friday, February 2, the Vikings will compete in the Mt. Pleasant Invitational at Silver Ridge. On Saturday, February 3, the ski teams will ski in the Flushing Invitational at Treetops.



Ben McNally races in the giant slalom competition.

## CITIZENS BANK SKI RACE CLINIC

It was another cloudy day for the Citizens Bank/Hanson Hills ski race clinic. The children did not seem to mind the clouds, but they did enjoy the mild temperatures. The ski course was in great condition today and faster times were a result. We were very happy to have four new participants joining us this week.

Bradley Biggs led the boys, Pre-school/Kindergarten boys and Wes Dean was 2nd.

Melissa Kalonich led the 1st and

2nd grade girls. Shannon Scott was 2nd. Alec Sloan was the 1st place skier for the boys. This was a tight race for the two new skiers. Zac Wolcott took 2nd place. He was only five-tenths behind Sloan.

Gracie Calkins led the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Rachel Wilson was 2nd, Danielle Harwood 3rd. Michael Olson took 1st place for the third week in a row. Chas Sloan was 2nd.

Avery Diola led the 5th and 6th grade girls. Rachael Doremire was

2nd, Jessica Riddle 3rd, and Gabby Calkins 4th. Kody Diola had the second fastest run of the day to lead the 5th and 6th grade boys. Joshua Scott was 2nd.

Jill Seager pulled out another win for the 7th and 8th grade girls. Beth Lucey was 2nd, Jodi Riddle 3rd, and Mandy Scott 4th. Jon Handy led the boys again this week. Handy also had the two fastest runs of the day. Ben Lucey was 2nd.

Kris Curtis joined in the fun this

week on his snowboard and Greg Kalonich on his snowblades. We were not able to add their times into the results but we are glad they joined us.

People in these categories will be able to run the course, for a time, after the ski racers have finished their three runs.

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### Northwood

North Michigan Financial...50 - 34  
 Darrell's Roofing...49.5 - 34.5  
 Pro Tree...48 - 36  
 Curves For Women...43.5 - 40.5  
 R. Calkins & Sons...42 - 42  
 Plaza Bar...41.5 - 42.5  
 R & M Masonry...35.5 - 48.5  
 Rose Owen...26 - 58  
 High Game: M. Miller, 208; B. Lifford, 202; T. Day, 196.  
 High Series: M. Miller, 540; T. Raybould, 516; M. Starks, 513.

### Sunday Night Mixed

Legion Lanes...20.5 - 7.5  
 Wakeley's Auto Parts...18 - 10

R & M Masonry...16 - 12  
 Helsel Brother's...14.5 - 13.5  
 Billy's...14 - 14  
 M.I.A.S...13 - 15  
 Custom Interior...11 - 17  
 Waste Management...5 - 23  
 High Game Men: R. Hinds, 246; D. Canfield, 233; J. Helsel, 224.  
 High Series Men: D. Canfield, 606; R. Hinds, 603; B. Nielson, 588.  
 High Game Women: L. Dannenberg, 198; K. Moshier, 197; B. Nielson, 184.

High Series Women: L. Dannenberg, 566; S. Romain, 543; K. Moshier, 501.

### Recreation

Skyline Ski & C.C...16 - 8  
 Chicken Little Joint Project...16 - 8  
 Cornell...14.5 - 9.5  
 Scheer Motors...14 - 10  
 Peterson Saw Service...12 - 12  
 Mark 8...10 - 14  
 Glen's...9 - 15  
 Mickey Perez C.P.A...4.5 - 19.5  
 High Game: D. Mead, 233; K. Moshier, 191; B. Wheeler, 190.  
 D. Mead, 531; K. Moshier, 524; S. Johnson and P. Terry, 516.

### Pioneer

Chemical Bank...10 - 2  
 Aunt Betty's...10 - 2  
 Ginger's...8 - 4  
 Custom Interior...6 - 6  
 Millikins...4 - 8  
 Lady Slippers...4 - 8  
 Avalanche...4 - 8  
 Lucky Strikers...2 - 10  
 High Game: P. Dixon, 192; S. France, 187; J. Hatfield, 191.  
 High Series: M. Miller, 532; P. Dixon, 509; S. France, 504.

### Seniors

Tees 'N Such...46.5 - 29.5  
 Grayling Pharmacy...45 - 31  
 Flowers By Josie...40 - 36

Buccillis Pizza...39.5 - 36.5  
 Halls Snow Removal...36 - 40  
 Sylvesters Sports...34 - 42  
 Baynham Wood...31.5 - 44.5  
 Cornell Insurance...31.5 - 44.5  
 High Game Men: K. Harris, 256; D. Canfield, 222; D. Germain, 216.  
 High Series Men: K. Harris, 642; D. Canfield, 601; D. Germain, 564.  
 High Game Women: L. Hetrick, 187; R. Joyce, 186; M. Baker, 167.  
 High Series Women: R. Joyce, 483; L. Hetrick, 445; D. Mead, 438.

### Grayling City Association Bowling Tournament

Place	Name	Points
1st	Forrest Bro. II	3291
2nd	Legion Lounge	3212
3rd	Legion Lanes	3189
4th	A. H. Rental	3182
5th	Hart Pontiac	3181
6th	Helsel Forest Pro.	3174
7th	Northern Wh. Tail	3170
8th	Swamp II	3167
9th	Upper Lakes Tire	3127
10th	Hellebuyck Mas.	3105
11th	Barber Construction	3091
12th	Moore's Auto.	3066
13th	Sawmill Tavern	3050
14th	Forrest Bro. Inc.	3040
15th	Moshier Auto Rep.	3029
16th	Clio Systems Ind.	3012
17th	Fenton's Auto Ser.	2988
18th	Grayling Gen. Sta.	2975
19th	McLeans Ace	2940
20th	Faustman's Ins.	2924
21st	Miller's Production	2883
High Game: T. Sowinski, 259; M. Barr, 247; J. Thayer, 238; D. Canfield, J. Hunt, M. Smith and G. Wolfe, 236; D. Henning, 233; C. Brill, 231.		
High Series: D. Canfield, 675; T. Sowinski, 669; M. Smith, 664; M. Barr, 660; J. Helsel, 648; J. Hunt, 626.		

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Spikes...120  
 Sawmill II...119  
 Swamp II...114  
 Holiday Inn...109  
 Frederic Inn...104  
 Legion...105

### Plaza

Sawmill I...66  
 5 Ball Run: Dee K. of Spikes, Patsey P. of Sawmill II (had 2) and Melonie R. of Sawmill II.  
 6 Ball Run: Siss I. of Frederic Inn

### CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in applying regulations that effect land use for Zoning in Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings held every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk, Sandra Moore no later than February 8, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.  
 Sandra Moore  
 County Clerk/Register of Deeds

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman  
 John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
 Ken Riehle, Commissioner



## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John A. Cottenham And Joanna G. Cottenham, Husband And Wife, to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee in the original amount of \$27,052.10 (Assumption and Subsequent Loan) dated October 28, 1993 and recorded October 28, 1993 in Liber 367, Page 572, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 04/100 Dollars (\$122,486.04) including interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 19, 20 and 21, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 11, 2001  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture,  
As Mortgagee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 211.0018

18-25-1-8-15

### SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting January 8, 2001

The regular meeting of the Township

Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 11 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meetings. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, HLAC, and Fire/DPW/Planning. Thirteen pieces of correspondence were accepted.

#### Old Business:

1. Motion by Mobarak to provide insurance for retirees, at retiree's expense, with township service for not less than 6 years of service to the township and currently on the township Blue Cross eligibility list. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by Mobarak to charge the same rates as last year for summer tax collection. Seconded and carried.

3. Discussion regarding changes to township zoning map. Motion by Mobarak to accept the map as presented with several changes: 1 - Commercial on N. Higgins Lake Drive will go from S. Grayling Rd. to Reiger Rd., 330' deep. All of Higgins Hill's property will be commercial.

#### New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes to pay the \$75.00 yearly fee for use of transfer site property to the DNR. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion by Mobarak to approve the purchase of several pieces of property in the township and to pay the \$300 application to the state. Seconded and carried.

3. Motion by Mobarak to pay AP bills. Seconded and Carried.

#### Comments from the Audience:

Sheriff Lovely was present to hand out the newly revised laws regarding snowmobiling. He is also looking for volunteers for a "victims rights" program in the County.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John L. Gay and Catherine E. Gay his wife (original mortgagors) to First Finance, Mortgagee, dated October 10, 1996, and recorded on October 17, 1998 in Liber 419, page 489, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4, Agreement dated 12-12-96, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Assignee by an assignment dated November 27, 2000, which was recorded on December 15, 2000 in Liber 525, page 157, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 54/100 dollars (\$63,699.54), including interest at 14.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 2 Block 26, Roffee's Addition, except 1 foot along the East side of Lot 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 18, 2001  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #200022544

-18-25-1-8-15

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY JUDICIAL DISTRICT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

Case No. 00 5361 CH  
Crawford County Courthouse  
200 West Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
517/348-2841  
Plaintiff Name(s) and address(es)  
SWAN FAMILY, LTD  
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address and telephone no.  
David R. Sabin P19822  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
517/348-5588

Defendant name(s) and address(es)  
JAMES SALVATI AND CONSTANCE SALVATI  
DOUGLAS M. DUNCAN AND PAULA L. DUNCAN  
OTTACO ACCEPTANCE INC.,  
Michigan corporation  
TO: JAMES SALVATI, CONSTANCE

SALVATI, DOUGLAS M. DUNCAN, PAULA L. DUNCAN  
OTTACO ACCEPTANCE INC.  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to property described as the W/2 of NE/4 of SW/4 of NW/4, Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 3-15-01. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

1-22-01

HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY  
JUDGE

#### NEED RUBBER STAMPS?

Come see us at  
The Crawford County Avalanche  
102 Mich. Ave. - Grayling  
(517) 348-6811

### BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Section of the Crawford County Recreation Plan 1997 Update

The Beaver Creek Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 12, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738, 517-275-8878, during its regularly scheduled township meeting.

Please take Notice that the purpose of the meeting is to provide opportunity for public input for an amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Capital Improvement Schedule in the Crawford County Recreation Plan.

Please take further notice that the Recreation Improvement Schedule may be examined at the office of the township clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

Sharon K. Hartman  
Clerk

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE  
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a Public Hearing shall be held before the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on the twenty-first (21) day of February, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a brownfield redevelopment authority for the County of Crawford, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Pat Merrill  
Crawford County Environmental Monitor.

### 2001 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
<b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	178,400	221,835	40.21	1.2435
201 Commercial	2,235,200	2,653,371	42.12	1.1871
301 Industrial	13,258,800	13,501,833	49.10	1.0183
401 Residential	31,891,200	35,640,590	44.74	1.1176
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	47,563,600	52,017,629	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	21,079,700	21,103,957	49.94	1.0012
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	68,643,300	73,121,586	-	-

<b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	1,666,000	2,283,443	36.48	1.3706
201 Commercial	1,414,000	1,643,804	43.01	1.1625
301 Industrial	318,100	286,577	55.50	0.9009
401 Residential	32,792,976	37,197,114	44.08	1.1343
501 Timber Cut-Over	780,200	1,472,631	26.49	1.8875
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	36,971,276	42,883,569	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,804,600	7,804,549	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	44,775,876	50,688,118	-	-

<b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	1,135,600	1,388,604	40.89	1.2228
201 Commercial	6,523,600	6,846,767	47.64	1.0495
301 Industrial	21,866,600	21,901,643	49.92	1.0016
401 Residential	128,364,800	144,262,531	44.49	1.1238
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	157,890,600	174,399,545	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,034,300	6,035,518	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	163,924,900	180,435,063	-	-

<b>LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	2,487,800	2,895,484	42.96	1.1639
201 Commercial	884,900	895,467	49.41	1.0119
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	40,472,392	43,725,575	46.28	1.0804
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	43,845,092	47,516,526	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,841,100	3,841,746	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	47,686,192	51,358,272	-	-

<b>MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	218,600	257,722	42.41	1.1790
201 Commercial	500,600	557,585	44.89	1.1138
301 Industrial	971,800	1,086,053	44.74	1.1176
401 Residential	12,723,000	14,260,256	44.61	1.1208
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	14,414,000	16,161,616	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,557,500	1,557,354	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	15,971,500	17,718,970	-	-

<b>SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	1,832,900	2,401,599	38.16	1.3103
201 Commercial	636,600	716,247	44.44	1.1251
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	53,986,100	61,797,276	43.68	1.1447
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	4,814,300	4,814,300	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL PERSONAL	61,269,900	69,729,422	-	-
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	2,822,300	2,842,111	49.65	1.0070

<b>CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001</b>				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	25,272,900	25,569,507	49.42	1.0117
301 Industrial	4,532,100	4,831,663	46.90	1.0661
401 Residential	15,160,000	16,151,715	46.93	1.0654
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	44,965,000	46,552,885	-	-
TOTAL PERSONAL	5,988,000	6,091,935	49.15	1.0173
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	50,953,000	52,644,820	-	-

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

### GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE POSITION(S)

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and development of the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Must be able to make good decisions, be a team player, and participate in monthly meetings held the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than 4:30 p.m., February 8, 2001 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

### PUBLIC NOTICE Crawford County Recycling Information

The following is a revised schedule regarding the Crawford County Recycling program. The dates and times for your area are as follows:

**Beaver Creek Township: Merrio Road Transfer Station**  
Winter Hours - 8am to 1pm on Saturdays & 1pm until 6pm on Sundays  
April through October - Same times as above plus 4-7pm on Wednesdays

**Frederic Township: Compactor Site**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm until 7pm  
Sundays from 10am until 5pm

**Grayling Township: North Down River Road Transfer Site**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm until 8pm  
Saturdays from 9am until 4pm

**Lovells Township: Note Locations**  
The 1st of the month through the 15th of the month - North Site, Old 612  
The 15th of the month through the last day of the month - North Down River Road Site  
Wednesdays & Saturdays from noon until 4pm  
Sunday from 9am until 1pm

**South Branch Township: Pioneer Road Transfer Station**  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Wednesday from 8am until noon, and 1pm until 5pm

All residents of Crawford County, including the City of Grayling and Maple Forest Township may use the Grayling Township Transfer Station during normal hours of operation for recycling purposes. This does not include garbage disposal.

#### ITEMS ACCEPTED

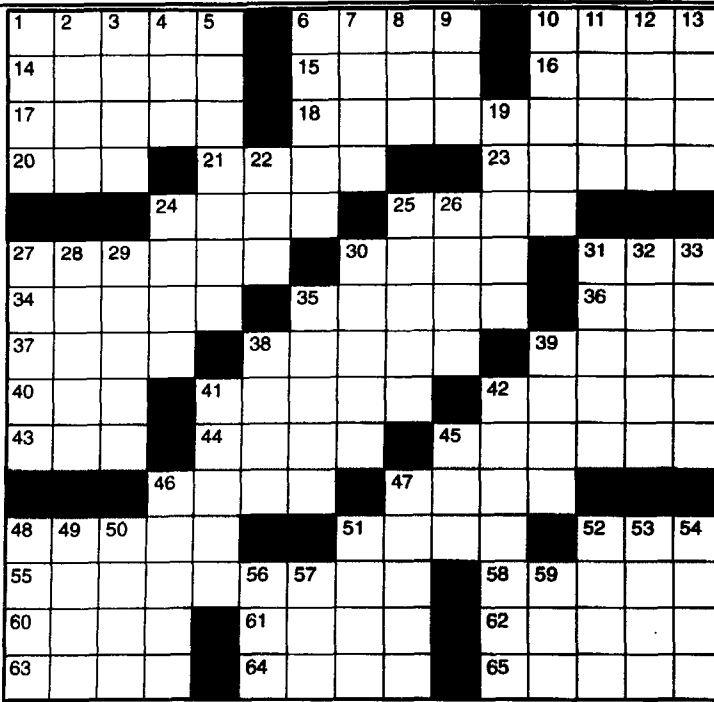
- Newspaper** - Place in brown paper bags or tie with a string
  - No loose paper or junk mail
- Magazines** - Glossy magazines and catalogs
  - No phone books
- Cardboard** - Corrugated cardboard only, flatten if possible
  - No grayboard (i.e., cereal boxes), or wax coated cardboard
- Plastic** - #1 and #2 plastics only (the number can be found inside the triangle on the bottom of the container)
  - No oil jugs, containers with the poison logo, or #8 other than 1 or 2
- Tin Cans** - Rinse and remove labels, flatten if possible
  - No paint cans, aerosol cans or scrap metal

**\*\* NO MEDICAL WASTE (i.e., SYRINGES)**

For further information contact Pat Merrill at (517) 344-3258 or your municipal office.

# FEATURES

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Bloodhound action
6. Charge on property
10. Locale for Colonel Mustard
14. Therefore
15. Unsorted meal
16. Clarinet's orchestral neighbor
17. Severe et al.
18. Afternoon serial (2 words)
20. Staccato indicator, in music
21. Govt. agents
23. Kind of maid
24. TV Guide putdown
25. Delighted
27. \_\_\_ dance
30. Persian ruler
31. "Bye Bye Birdie" girl
34. Leaves
35. First name in hotel-owning tax evaders
36. "What'll \_\_\_" (Berlin) (2 words)
37. Conway et al.
38. One alternative in marriage vows
39. Type of collar
40. Lemon or lime drink
41. Illegal enrichment
42. Actress Jergens
43. Start of many French titles
44. Frees

### DOWN

1. After water or tool
2. Claudius' successor
3. Monogram pt.
4. Govt. agcy.
5. Rankles
6. Intense light beam
7. Blame \_\_\_ Rio (2 words)
8. Schedule abbr.
9. Short sleep
10. Anticipated
11. Aid's mate
12. Learning
13. Shakespearean monarch
19. Midwest tribe
22. Stag attendees
24. West Side Story gang

25. Eidolon
26. Lois of the comics
27. Mineral
28. Chemical compound
29. Ten-year prison sentences, slangily
30. Medieval workers
31. Floats bad checks
32. False gods
33. The Color of \_\_\_
35. Packs
36. Legal document
38. Imported cheese
41. First name in "Ninotchka"
42. So soon?
45. Engine part
46. Stable matriarchs
47. Pointers
48. FBI agent
49. Anger
50. Analysts' foci
51. Doubtful
52. "I Get a \_\_\_ Out of You"
53. Crystal gazer's phrase (2 words)
54. Williams and Knight
56. Melodic syllable
57. Electrified particle
59. "Road to \_\_\_"

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 46 Years Ago February 3, 1955

Pictured to the right are the ceremonies at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. From left to right: Marian Millikin and Denise Sorenson, both members of the Queen's Court; Grayling Queen of 1955 Jean Malloy; State Representative Emil Peltz and Nancy Hillion and Nancy Collen, the other two members of the Queen's Court.

### 23 Years Ago February 2, 1978

Forrest Annis was feted at a retirement party at the Arrowhead Inn on Saturday, January 14th, by the DNR engineering division. The dinner and program planned by Ken Ostling and Vern LaDuke, was attended by 56 people; including Forrest's wife, Jenny, his son, Jerry and wife, and special guests, Arthur and Vivian Corwin of Saginaw.

A benefit basketball game is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th for the purpose of raising funds to purchase "Jaws of Life" for the Grayling Fire Department Rescue Unit; the game will pit the Houghton Lake State Police against Crawford County Law Enforcement Officers - tickets are \$1.00.

The Michigan National Guard assisted City Workmen over the weekend digging the city out from beneath some 16 inches of snow that landed on the area this week. The M.A.T.E.S. Division under Col. Michael McNamara and the 1438th Engineering Division led by Capt. Terry Baker, provided 20 local guardsmen in a joint effort with city

workers, had the city cleared by Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fleming of Grayling are the parents of a daughter, Susan. The little lady was born January 27 and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

A son, Jeremy Daniel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Compton of Grayling on January 29, weighing 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

Mrs. Sally Granger of Beaver Road received an early birthday present from her son, Mickey and Debbie Granger of Lincoln Park; it was the opportunity to attend the Arthur Fiedler and Detroit Symphony Orchestra Concert at Ford Auditorium with dinner following. Mrs. Granger spent a week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Gary Gilsan (nee Rhea Stripe) of Augsburg, Germany, spent three weeks in the states visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stripe, and other relatives and friends.

Tim Ferguson of CMU spent the weekend with his parents, Don and Joanne Ferguson, were Dave and Patty Hawkins and their daughter, Laura. Sunday Tim's guests were Joe and Tim Ferrigan.

At Black and White Food Land Lady Kay white bread is offered 3 for \$1.00, grapefruits were 4 for 49 cents and McDonald's lowfat milk was \$1.39 a gallon.

### 46 Years Ago February 3, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Horning of Grayling are happy over the arrival of a baby boy, born January 31 at Mercy Hospital.

Mayor A. L. Roberts was elected



Ruler at Grayling Winter Sports Crowned at Outdoor Ceremony

vice president of the Supervisors Assoc., while in Lansing last week. He with City Manager Russell Carlson, attended a Civil Defense meeting in Gaylord on Tuesday.

It's a son, Ricy Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Allen of Lansing on January 2nd, weighing 3 pounds and 11 ozs. He has gained 2 pounds since birth and is now doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith of Lake Margarethe are the proud grandparents.

The 246th Tank Battalion of the Michigan National Guard has trained in the past at Camp Grayling but National Guard officers at Lansing said Camp Grayling is too small for target practice with the 90 millimeter guns of the new M-47 tanks the battalion is now using.

The 1954 construction season for the Mackinac Bridge came to a halt last week as the contractor towed his marine equipment into harbor for the winter, said Prentice M. Brown, chairman of the Mackinac Bridge Authority; they plan to have the bridge open to traffic on or before November 1, 1957.

### 69 Years Ago February 4, 1932

Miss Ingeborg Hanson, stenographer at the Grayling Box Co., is a patient at Mercy Hospital and is suffering from two fractured vertebrae

received from a recent fall on the ice. The Misses Virginia and Matilda Engel entertained some of their schoolmates at a weekend party at the Wah-Wah-Sum club on the AuSable. The guests included the Misses Ardith Dunham, Elaine McDonald, Ellen Wolcott and Yvonne LaGrow. The young ladies enjoyed skating and other outdoor sports.

Elmer Neal acted as referee for the Harrison and Roscommon game Saturday night, Roscommon defeated Harrison.

### 92 Years Ago February 4, 1909

The Wykoff house at Pere Cheney was burned last Sunday. It was owned by Mrs. Dumpier; loss probably was \$500.00.

We have received from C. E. Marvin the first number of the Columbia Journal of Commerce: which is typographically well nigh perfect.

Died at her home in this village Wednesday, January 27, Alta May, wife of William Fairbotham, age of 41 years. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Head of South Branch Township, who with her husband and eight children are left to mourn.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

1 lb. boneless chicken breasts, cut up  
2 cans chicken broth (3 1/2 cups)  
1/2 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice  
1 tsp. ground cumin

1 can Mexican-style corn  
1 cup Pace Chunky Salsa  
1 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tbsp. lime juice  
Crispy Tortilla Strips

Spray saucepot with vegetable cooking spray and heat 1 minute. Add chicken and cook until browned, stirring often.  
Add broth, rice and cumin. Heat to a boil.  
Cover and cook over low heat 30 minutes.  
Stir in corn, salsa, cilantro and lime juice and heat through. Top with Crisp Tortilla Strips.  
Crispy Tortilla Strips: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cut 4 corn tortillas into thin strips and place on baking sheet. Spray with vegetable cooking spray. Bake 10 minutes or until golden.

## Hearty Chicken Tortilla Soup

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of  
February 5 thru February 11

### ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

You'll need to exercise a lot of self-control this week. Monday brings the likelihood of domestic conflict. Tuesday brings a stronger sense of personal dignity. This should give you back your usual high level of confidence. Thursday, you find yourself feeling edgy, you can just as easily find yourself restless and emotionally tense. The need for control and a willingness for compromise when dealing with others are imperative. Relief will come on Sunday, as your love of beauty will be the main focus.

### TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Take care on the home front Monday, as there is a greater risk of domestic conflict. You'll find it easier to direct your efforts towards work endeavors on Tuesday. Don't underestimate your creative abilities on Wednesday. Draw strength from your proven successes of the past if you find yourself filled with doubt. Friday, your leadership skills will be prominent. You'll find Sunday refreshing as an enhanced appreciation of beauty will be prominent.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

Take good care of your health, especially if you're female on Monday. Feeling poor can be directly related to higher stress levels from domestic conflict. Your career can get a real lift Tuesday. Your more prudent and conservative side will be strong on this day, and the opportunity to make advancements is good. You might find that you feel rather tense on Thursday. You'll be mentally sharp, but also touchy and restless. You'll be back to your usual cheerful self on Saturday.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Conflict on the home front can happen much more readily on Monday. Given your love of home and family, this can be very unsettling for you. Keep your eyes and ears open on Wednesday. You get drawn into complicated relationships that will bring a world of turmoil. Step back and try to look around you objectively. Chances are you'll really want to do your own thing on Friday. Regardless of what you have on your agenda, be sure to take the time you need. Connecting with others will feel good on Sunday. You may find you feel especially romantic with this occurrence.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'd be wise to put some extra effort into how you handle your relationships this week, especially those of a romantic nature. Domestic challenges can occur more readily on Monday. Extra caution is necessary on Wednesday. You can be more drawn to complicated emotional relationships, along with underestimating your own abilities and skills. Thursday, you may find yourself tempted to break your commitments to a partner. Conflict and infidelity can happen under this aspect's influence. Hang in there until Saturday. Your reasoning ability and friendly nature will be back to normal.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

If there are tasks ahead for you this week that require a strong mind, you'll be in great shape to accomplish them. Tuesday your outlook will be prudent, conservative, serious, and logical. If there are decisions that need to be made, this is definitely a perfect time for it. Your intellectual abilities will continue to soar on Thursday. However, you can also find yourself more stubborn and tense. Your leadership abilities will be evident to all on Friday. Your love of beauty will be strong on Sunday, when Venus sextiles with Neptune.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

Balance will be challenging to maintain this week. You may be engaged in domestic conflict of some sort. Your intellectual abilities will be strong on Thursday, but your emotions may get the better of you. You may find yourself tense, restless, and overly sensitive and the tendency to be very stubborn can make things challenging. Compromise is one of your best abilities. Relief is on the way, though, so take heart. Saturday, you'll be good-natured and ready to lend a hand if needed. Your reasoning and judgment will also be far more grounded.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

With your intense personality, this week may be challenging at some points. Working can be difficult on Monday. Tuesday's will bring much strength to your ability to think in a prudent and conservative manner. This day will see you handling the day's chores with much greater ease. Try not to get tangled up in complicated relationships on Wednesday. Friday you will be back on top of things and you'll find your leadership skills and ability to innovate strong. Enjoy the beauty around you on Sunday.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

As much as you might love to have everyone on your side, Monday may call for you to stand your ground. Conflict with your partner or parents is more likely to occur. Taking care of business will come easily on Tuesday. You'll see things in a logical and conservative way. You may hear that you're coming across in a far too stubborn way on Thursday. Take care when dealing with others, as your tendency to blurt things out without thinking can get you in trouble. If someone asks for a hand on Saturday, you'll likely rise to the request with no problems.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Your strong mind and ability to look at things logically will help you with the emotional pull of some of this week's aspects. On Monday, if conflict arises at home, take time to step back and think. Your conservative and prudent nature will take center stage, allowing for you to get a lot of brainwork done. Make the most of this influence, as it may be more difficult to make use if these abilities on Thursday. Friday can see you acting arrogant. The need to be as flexible as possible will be evident. Your more relaxed approach will return Saturday.

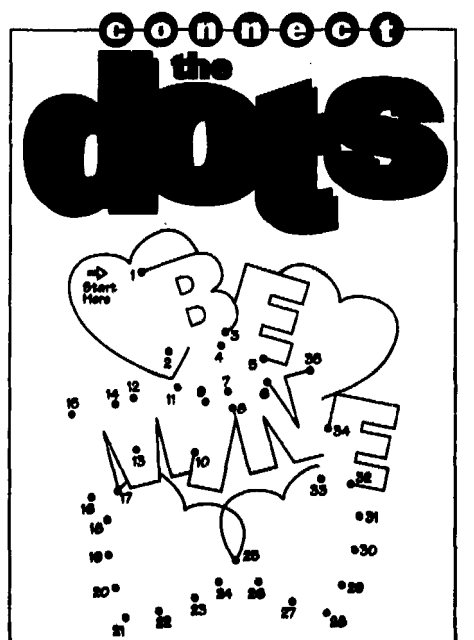
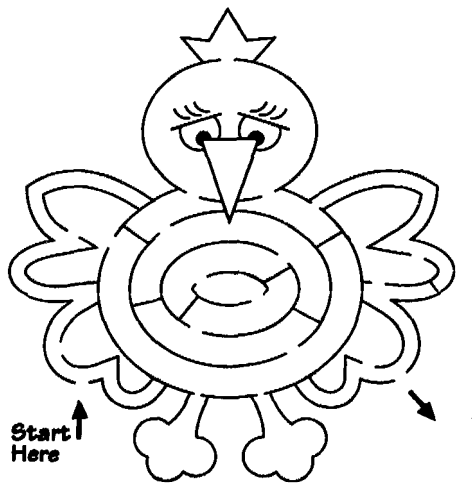
### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

The Sun continues to shine in your own sign this week, bringing your independence and love of the unconventional to higher levels. You may find that you doubt your own abilities on Wednesday. Perhaps the worst effect this influence can have is a greater risk of confusing reality with self-deception. The weekend will bring renewed strength. You'll find your ability to reason and make sound judgments back in full force.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

Guard your heart against upset on Monday. Expressed affections can bring sorrow much more readily. Be sure that you are clear in what you say, and that there is no room for misunderstandings. If things get rough for you, and an extra hand or shoulder to lean on is needed, your mom or a mother-like figure is the best bet for support on Tuesday. A couple of hours lost in a movie, book, or game can do a lot to refresh you, but on a day like Wednesday, it can go overboard before you know it. You'd be wise to stay clear of these types of activities altogether. If feelings of lower self-worth trouble you on this day, seek out a trusted source for support, rather than trying to block your emotions out. Saturday, brings relief.

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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Date	H	L
1/24	29	24
1/25	26	19
1/26	30	14
1/27	26	15
1/28	23	12
1/29	27	20
1/30	35	23

Wednesday- Cool with Overcast. Snow Showers likely. High 30, Low 16.  
Thursday- Chilly, with Overcast. Snow likely. High 28, Low 14.  
Friday- Chilly. Overcast with Snow Showers. High 25, Low 14.  
Saturday- Cool. Overcast with Snow Showers. High 31, Low 23.



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## Crawford County Avalanche

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## Fifth deaf child in same family receives cochlear implant

Sixteen-month-old Alivia Anderson of Sparta doesn't realize it yet, but she's already made medical history three times over. When she's a little older, she'll hear all about it from her older brothers and sisters - and that's the most amazing part.

Alivia, born deaf, is the fifth child in her immediate family to receive the gift of hearing at the University of Michigan through the use of a medical device called a cochlear implant. She and five others of the eight Anderson children were born with a genetic condition that left them severely or profoundly deaf. Besides the five with implants, one sibling uses a hearing aid.

As if the national record of five implants in one family weren't enough, Alivia is also one of the youngest patients in the nation ever to undergo the cochlear implant operation, at thirteen-and-one-half months. She's also the 500th patient - and the 300th child - to receive an implant at the U-M, as part of one of the nation's busiest and oldest cochlear implant programs.

"It's like life is starting anew for her and it's exciting that she now has the opportunities that other children in our family have," says her mother, Darlene. "We definitely consider all of them a miracle. We don't even want to think where our children would be without the implants because of the benefit they have received."

Of all the Anderson children, Alivia may receive the most benefit from her implant, says Terry Zwolan, Ph.D., director of the U-M Cochlear Implant Program. "We're seeing that the sooner a child gets an implant, the sooner we can tap into speech and language development."

In fact, she and U-M audiology chief Paul Kileny, Ph.D., have just

completed a study of 102 children who received their cochlear implants at different ages. They found that children who received their implants at a younger age did better on word and sentence recognition tests.

"About ten years ago, cochlear implants were only suitable for people who could hear almost nothing," says Zwolan. "Technology has advanced so quickly and we're getting such nice results that criteria have expanded to include adults and children with severe to profound hearing loss." About 200 adults have received cochlear implants at the U-M.

Alivia and her hearing-impaired siblings were all born with what's called the Mondini malformation, in which the cochlea - the snail-shaped part of the inner ear that channels vibrations to the auditory nerve and the brain - is malformed. Instead of a hollow spiral for sound to travel through, their cochleae are incomplete, preventing or limiting the ear-to-brain communication that makes hearing possible.

That's why the surgically inserted cochlear implants are such a good choice for the Anderson children and thousands of others each year.

Cochlear implants transform speech and sound into electrical signals that the brain can interpret. They bypass the normal function of the outer ear, hair cells and cochlea, using surgically implanted electrodes and digital signal processors worn on the ear or body to do the work that the damaged or malformed ear structures can't do.

The first step is capturing sound: A small magnetic microphone on the outside of the head, held in place by an implanted magnet, picks up sounds and sends them to a processor.

After the processor's programming translates the signals, the impulses travel through a coil to a receiver inside the ear. The implant transmits these signals through dozens of electrodes to the auditory nerve and brain, allowing the wear-

er to detect and understand speech and noise.

The Nucleus-24 model that Alivia was fitted with uses the first miniaturized device worn behind the ear, as well as a second processor the size of a pager worn on the body. It will allow her audiologists to fine-tune the sound she hears and the way speech is interpreted.

"Hearing aids and cochlear implants are very different instruments," says Zwolan. "A hearing aid amplifies normal sound and uses the hearing that a person has to let them process that sound. It's simply making sound louder. A cochlear implant replaces the hearing inside the cochlea - that's why it's reserved for people who can't benefit from hearing aids."

As a result, Zwolan explains, hearing impaired children as young as three months can be fitted with hearing aids, but the more profoundly deaf may be unable to hear appropriately even with the most powerful hearing aids. So, through the use of cochlear implants, physicians at the U-M and other centers are working to give such children the chance to hear at as early an age as possible. Increasing numbers are receiving their implants as young as 18 months.

Zwolan and others are beginning to see proof that intervening at such a young age can help children develop the normal speech and language skills that hearing children acquire at about the same age.

The Andersons hope that Alivia will have an even easier time adapting to the implant - and to being able to hear - than their children who received implants at older ages.

But, Zwolan says, not until the first group of early-implanted kids reaches school will researchers know for sure. "We have great hopes for these children that they will lead a normal hearing life," she says. "But it's so recently that we've started to do these really young children that only time will tell if we're able to fully mainstream them into normal hearing

### Facts about cochlear implants:

- More than 25,000 people in the world have cochlear implants, most of them with the Nucleus system used in the Anderson children.
- Cochlear implants are used in more than 80 countries.
- The devices were approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration in 1985 for adults and in 1990 for children.
- Patients currently receive a cochlear implant in one ear.
- The operation to insert a cochlear implant lasts about 1 1/2 hours and costs around \$50,000, which is usually covered by insurance. About four to six weeks later, an audiologist will add the components outside the ear, turn the implant on for the first time and tune it up. Additional tuning at later checkups helps customize the sound and speech processor for each patient.
- Cochlear implants are best for adults and children who have severe to profound hearing loss in both ears, limited benefit from hearing aids and a strong desire to be part of the hearing world. Children who receive the implants are placed in educational programs to help them develop auditory skills.

classrooms."

Added Darlene Anderson after Alivia's implant was turned on for the first time and the toddler first reacted to sound, "This is only the beginning. We know that now that she has this ability, we have to work with her to teach her to listen to sounds and to help her in her language."

That life has already begun, with Alivia's parents and siblings teaching her simple songs and reading books aloud to her. Someday, they'll be able to tell her the story of how she made medical history.

Find more information on the Internet at:

U-M Health Topics A to Z,  
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## Proper immunization essential for children's health

These days the only way most people hear about polio, measles or whooping cough is when older folks tell stories, recalling the health scourges of their youth.

"Most people today have never even seen the diseases that vaccines are designed to prevent," says Gary Freed, M.D., director of the U-M Division of General Pediatrics. However, just because these diseases aren't seen doesn't mean their potential threat to health is eliminated. The need for timely immunization remains critical.

"The next new vaccine that's due out and likely to be recommended late this summer is the pneumococcal vaccine that prevents bacteria streptococcus pneumonia," says Freed. "This is very exciting. Streptococcus pneumonia is the most common cause of invasive bacterial disease in children less than 2 years of age. This germ is now the leading cause of pneumonia and meningitis in the country, he says.

Freed warns that since we now live in a global world, people from different countries come to ours and they might bring different germs, viruses and bacteria with them. "If the children in our country aren't protected, then those types of diseases and germs can spread like wildfire," he says.

This occurred, he says, in the late 1980s and early 1990s. "We saw pockets of measles in this country when we hadn't seen many cases at all for probably close to two decades. We became complacent," he says. Freed cites a good example of the toll of complacency. In the early 1990s, Great Britain discontinued the pertussis (Whooping cough) vaccine for children. "Within just a couple of years, there was an epidemic of whooping cough that resulted in the deaths and permanent disability of many children," he says.

Mandatory vaccination for whooping cough was soon reinstated there.

But some parents are concerned about vaccines' safety. Many people have the false idea that immunization weakens the immune system, says Freed. In reality, vaccines do the opposite. "Vaccines strengthen the immune system. The vaccine is a weakened piece of a virus or bacteria. When it is placed in the body, the body begins to recognize this as something bad. But in the weakened form, the body easily overpowers it and builds up antibodies and resistance to it," he says.

"The body recognizes it and attacks it. The vaccine provides a system for the body to recognize things that don't belong there, so an immune response is much faster," says Freed.

During the first year of a child's life, vaccines are administered at birth, at intervals of 2, 4 and 6 months, and at 1 year of age. Unfortunately, sometimes during this early stage of life, disabilities such as developmental delays, cerebral palsy, autism and other disorders are initially diagnosed. Some parents suspect vaccines are the cause. The perception that vaccines cause these disorders is the result of coincidence, not cause and effect, says Freed.

Furthermore, vaccines are tested extensively before they come out on the market, he says.

"Vaccines are safe. They undergo rigorous testing before they're ever opposed for use or recommended for use in this country. Even after they come on the market they're also tested. They're followed," says Freed.

As an example, he cited a rotavirus vaccine that came out in the past year. This virus causes severe diarrhea that can be fatal in children. The vaccine was introduced into this country and it looked safe in pre-licensure tests, says Freed. However, there were a few reports of bowel problems.

"These incidents were very, very rare. And on balance, the vaccine prevented countless cases of this disease, compared to the minor complications it caused. But the vaccine was removed from the market within six months because of the zero or near zero tolerance for vaccine risks," he says.

### Facts about vaccines

- Annually in the U.S., streptococcus pneumonia bacteria cause 71,000 cases of pneumonia, 16,000 cases of blood infections and 1,400 cases of meningitis. It also is the No. 1 cause of more than 5 million ear infections.
- The spread of disease is still a real threat because we live in a global, highly mobile world.
- Vaccines go through stringent testing before going on the market and they continue to be tracked after they are administered to the public.
- Adults, too, must be vigilant about their vaccine schedules, especially the elderly or those with compromised immune systems.

A vaccine for haemophilus influenza type B (HIB) - the most common cause of meningitis in children - was developed in 1992, says Freed. "I think it was the most significant day, the most important day in children's health in the last 20 years in this country" he says. Before the vaccine, some children were permanently disabled or died as the result of meningitis. "The number of meningitis cases we see in this country has fallen by more than 90 percent, simply as a result of using this vaccine," says Freed.

Freed also stresses the need for adults and seniors to receive timely vaccinations. "Adults need a tetanus booster at least every 10 years, and for seniors, it is very important they receive annual flu shots as well as pneumococcal and meningococcal vaccines," he advises.

Freed and his colleagues caution parents not to become lackadaisical about vaccinating their children. He realizes that with so many vaccines in the immunization schedule, it can become confusing. So he advises that the best way for parents to be certain their children are protected is to review their children's immunization status every time they visit their health care provider. "Go over their immunization record and find out what they need and when their next vaccines are due," he says.

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